



Proceedings
of Grand : :
Chapter of
Royal Arch
Masons of
Alberta, 1917



MASONIC CALENDAR

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.), "in the year of light."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A. Inv.), "in the year of discovery."

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.), "in the year of deposit."

SCOTTISH RITE same as Ancient Craft, except the Jewish chronology is used, Anno Mundi (A.M.), "in the year of the world."

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS commence their era from the organization of their Order, Anno Odinis (A.O.), "in the year of the Order."

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS—

Add 4000 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1917 and 4000 — 5917

ROYAL ARCH—

Add 530 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1917 and 530 — 2447

ROYAL ARCH AND SELECT MASTERS—

Add 1000 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1917 and 1000 — 2917

SCOTTISH RITE—

Add 3760 years to the vulgar era. Thus: 1917 and 3760 — 5677

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS—

From the vulgar era take 1119. Thus: 1119 from 1917 — 798

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

AT THE

THIRD
ANNUAL CONVOCATION
1917

HELD IN

The City of Edmonton, Alberta

MARCH 14th, 1917

ALSO

Proceedings of an Emergent Convocation

Held in

THE CITY OF CALGARY, ALBERTA

OCTOBER 27th, 1916



FRED. S. WATSON, Edmonton

Grand Z. 1916

Grand Chapter Special Convocation

October 27th, 1916

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta assembled at Masonic Temple, City of Calgary, in the Province of Alberta, on Friday, October 27th, A.D. 1916, A.I. 2446, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Watson Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. Robert Patterson, M.L.A. Grand H.
M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin (acting) Grand J.
R. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey Grand Scribe E.
V. E. Comp. W. E. Lord (acting) Grand Scribe N.
E. Comp. W. F. W. Lent (acting) Grand Treasurer.
E. Comp. P. J. Dewie (acting) Grand Prin. Sojourner
E. Comp. S. M. Fraser (acting) Grand Senior Sojourner.
E. Comp. T. M. Burnett (acting) Grand Junior Sojourner.
R. E. Comp. Joseph H. Argue Grand Lecturer.
V. E. Comp. Howard H. Fletcher Grand Pursuivant.
V. E. Comp. W. E. Mercer Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. D. W. McMillan Grand Steward
K. E. Comp. T. Rankine (acting) Grand Janitor.
R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson Grand Supt. District No. 2.
M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor Past Grand Z.
and a number of Excellent Companions from different points in the Province.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10 o'clock a.m.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are seven warranted Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, all of which were represented. The following representatives were present:

Alberta, Calgary

No. 1.

E. Comps. Mark B. Peacock, J., Frederick S. Selwood, H., V. E. Comps. H. H. Fletcher, Z., D. G. Campbell, P.Z.,; R. E. Comps. J. H. Argue, M. M. Downey, M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, P.Z.'s.

North Star, Edmonton

No. 2.

M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson, P.Z. (proxy).

Mount Horeb, Wetaskiwin

No. 6.

M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson, P.Z. (proxy).

Bekah, Macleod

No. 7.

E. Comp. S. M. Fraser, H.; R. E. Comp. Robert Patterson, P.Z.

Otuskwan, Calgary

No. 9.

E. Comp. Williston F. W. Lent, J.; V. E. Comps. W. E. Mercer, Z., D. W. McMillan, P.Z.; R. E. Comp. T. Rankine, P.Z.; M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, P.Z.

No 10. **Bow Valley, Gleichen**
V. E. Comp. T. H. Irvine, P.Z.

No. 11. **Calgary, Calgary**
R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, P.Z.
And the following from Chapters under dispensation:

Keystone, Red Deer
V. E. Comp. W. E. Lord, P.Z. (proxy).

Hillvue, Hillcrest
E. Comp. Captain T. M. Burnett, P.Z.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Joseph H. Argue, seconded by E. Comp. Mark B. Peacock, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received and adopted.

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing as visitors.

Petitions for warrants were read from the following Chapters: Keystone at Red Deer, Vermillion at Vermillion and Hillvue at Hillcrest.

On motion of M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor, seconded by E. Comp. Mark B. Peacock, it was

RESOLVED, That the above petitions be received and referred to the Committee on Warrants.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Warrants beg leave to report as follows:

That this Grand Chapter do now issue Charters to the following Chapters.

- No. 12. Keystone at Red Deer.
- No. 14. Vermillion at Vermillion.
- No. 15. Hillvue at Hillcrest.

And that the Grand Z. be hereby authorized to issue Charters to any further Chapters now operating under the Grand Chapter of Canada who may make petition for the same during the interim between this meeting and the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, and that the numbers be as to their standing in the Grand Chapter of Canada.

On motion of R. E. Comp. Robert Patterson, seconded by M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

VOTE OF THANKS

On motion of R. E. Comp. Patterson, seconded by V. E. Comp. T. H. Irvine, it was

RESOLVED, That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered to Perfection Lodge No. 9, A.F. & A.M. for the use of their rooms.

The labours of the convocation being ended Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 1.45 o'clock p.m.

Melvin M. Downey

Calgary, October 27th, 1916.

Grand Scribe E.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Proceedings Third Annual Convocation

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, on the 14th day of March, A.D. 1917, A.L. 2447.

PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Fred. S. Watson	Grand Z.	} Grand Council
M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor ... (acting)	Grand H.	
R. E. Comp. Andrew R. Dickson	Grand J.	
R. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey	Grand Scribe E.	
R. E. Comp. Ernest D. H. Wilkins	Grand Scribe N.	
R. E. Comp. Norman T. MacLeod (acting)	Grand Prin. Soj.	
M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin (acting)	Grand Treasurer.	
R. E. Comp. Hiram Darling	Supt. First Masonic Dist.	
R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson	Supt. Second Masonic Dist.	
V. E. Comp. W. A. Mahaffy	Grand Senior Soj.	
R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue	Grand Lecturer.	
V. E. Comp. H. H. Fletcher	Grand Pursuivant.	
Comp. J. L. Johnston	Janitor.	

PAST OFFICERS

M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor	Past Grand Z.
M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin	Past Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. T. C. Bruce	Past Grand J.
R. E. Comp. T. F. English	Past Grand Superintendent.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Colorado	R. E. Comp. T. C. Bruce
Delaware	E. Comp. George E. Hayward.
Florida	M. E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor.
Indiana	R. E. Comp. W. E. Lord.
Iowa	M. E. Comp. James N. Rankin.
Kentucky	R. E. Comp. George D. Stanley.
Louisiana	R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson.
Nebraska	M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson.
New York	R. E. Comp. Joseph H. Argue.
Ohio	R. E. Comp. Hiram Darling.
Scotland	R. E. Comp. Ernest D. H. Wilkins.
Vermont	R. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey.
West Virginia	E. Comp. William Thompson.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10 o'clock a.m.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there are seventeen warranted chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter, all of which were represented. The following representatives were present:

Alberta, Calgary

E. Comps. F. S. Selwood, Z., M. B. Peacock, H., V. E. omp. H. H. Fletcher, R. E. Comps. M. M. Downey, T. F. English, J. H. Argue, M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, P.Z's.

North Star, Edmonton

E. Comps. J. A. R. Powell, Z., H. A. Brock, H., F. J. Follinsbee, J., V. E. Comps. W. A. Mahaffy, R. C. MacDonald, R. E. Comps. H. Darling, S. E. Cornell, H. C. Taylor, M. E. Comp. F. S. Watson, P.Z's.

Assinibola, Medicine Hat

E. Comp. Jesse Elliott, Z.

Shekinah, Lethbridge

E. Comps. J. E. Rannard, H., D. A. Simpson, J., V. E. Comp. Arthur Hayr, R. E. Comp. N. T. MacLeod, P.Z's.

Golden West, High River

E. Comps. J. F. Casteel, Z., J. H. Green, J., R. E. Comp. G. D. Stanley, P.Z.

Mount Horeb, Wetaskiwin

E. Comp. R. D. Robertson, Z., R. E. Comps. A. R. Dickson, E. D. H. Wilkins, P.Z's.

Bekah, Macleod

E. Comps. S. M. Fraser, Z., J. C. Merkel, H., R. E. Comps. R. Patterson, T. C. Bruce, P.Z's.

Otuskwam, Calgary

E. Comp. W. F. W. Lent, Z., M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, P.Z.

Bow Valley, Gleichen

R. E. Comp. M. M. Downey (proxy).

Calgary, Calgary

E. Comp. J. Longden, Z., R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, P.Z.

Keystone, Red Deer

E. Comp. W. T. Coote, Z., V. E. Comp. W. E. Lord, P.Z.

Capital City, Edmonton

E. Comps. E. C. Dunlop, H., G. S. Armstrong, J., D. R. Cameron, D. McLean, V. E. Comp. David McIntosh, P.Z's.

Vermillion, Vermillion

E. Comp. G. E. Hayward, P.Z.

Hillvue, Hillcrest

V. E. Comps. D. C. McKenzie, T. M. Burnett, P.Z's.

TAU CROSS, CLARESHOLM

E. Comp. G. Simpson, P.Z.

Mount Olivet, Killam

R. E. Comp. F. E. Nichol, P.Z.

Norwood, Edmonton

E. Comps. W. C. Whiteley, Z., F. S. Macpherson, H., J. J. Green, J., William Thompson, J. A. Neff, P.Z's.

The Hiram, Youngstown U D.

E. Comp. W. F. W. Lent (proxy).

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by R. E. Comp. S. E. Cornell, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received and adopted.

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of Royal Arch Masons in good standing as visitors.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That as the Proceedings of the Second Annual Convocation held on the 8th day of March, 1916, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

GRAND Z.'s ADDRESS

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. read the following address:
Companions of the Grand Chapter:

It becomes my pleasant privilege to greet and welcome you one and all to this the Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

I thank you for the great honor conferred by intrusting to me the destinies of our Grand Chapter during the past eventful year.

Trusting that the handling of events, duties and obligations, which have been many, may meet with your approval and be a lasting benefit to Capitular Masonry in Alberta and to Royal Arch Masonry generally.

For tasks undertaken and duties performed I wish to tender my deepest thanks for the exceptionally loyal and hearty co-operation, support and able assistance of my associate officers, Past Grand Officers, and other Companions.

Companions, many of you meet with us for the first time. It gives us a double pleasure to greet you and receive your hand in Brotherly Love and Friendship, confident that our labor towards justice and unity may by your fervency of zeal for Royal Arch Masonry mature to a golden harvest.

NECROLOGY

The hand of death has not visited this Grand Chapter during our year though seven Companion members of subordinate Chapters have entered the long sleep, five of whom died on the field of France.

As fellow countrymen we honor them, as Masons our deepest sympathy goes out to the widow, the mother, those near and dear left to mourn their loss. We extend to them the Masonic teachings of a resurrection to life eternal.

A full report will be given by the Committee on Necrology.

WAR

While not unmindful of our Masonic teachings of a Brotherly Love which knows no National boundary we, in Alberta, are deeply sensible of the injustice and barbarity of the present war. The day has come when its ravages meet us at every turn, in the sorrow and distress of the widow, mother, sister, father, and the orphan, and in the person of our returned soldiers, shattered in body and broken in health.

This war between the most highly civilized nations, with its terrible toll of poverty, misery and death, makes one ask how far the principles of Masonry govern.

Masonry with its teaching of Universal Brotherhood feels that the old civilization has failed.

Universal Brotherhood of Free Masonry is not a reality.

Let us hope that this war is the death pangs of the old civilization, and the birth of a new era in which the Brotherhood of man, the principles taught in Masonry, will be the ruling factor.

Masons must ever ask for more light and go on in the search for truth, and be prepared to take their part in the new civilization. Let us as Masons be duly and truly prepared to stand by its principles to bring about civilization without injustice, graft, ignorance, poverty, sickness and sorrow.

When we think of the number of our Companions fighting on behalf of country, civilization and justice, and security against war for the future generations, may the time soon come when the God of Love and Peace will be acknowledged by all and our oft repeated prayer realized:—

Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.

VISITATIONS

One important duty of Grand Chapter Officers is the visiting of subordinate Chapters, thereby learning their needs, and weaknesses, and stimulating the Chapters, at the same time increasing the interest of the Grand Officers in them.

I will not go into details of my visitations, suffice it to say that I have visited nearly all the Chapters except some of those coming in recently.

The day following our last Convocation I attended a joint Chapter of Instruction in the City of Calgary, where the three degrees were exemplified:

Mark Master by Otuskwan, No. 9.

Most Excellent Master by Calgary, No. 11.

Holy Royal Arch by Grand Chapter Officers.

I was pleased, but not surprised, at the excellent, able and accurate manner in which all three degrees were worked.

I was also present at the joint Chapter of Instruction at Red Deer, on January 26th, 1917, called by the Superintendent of Districts, No. 1 and No. 2. As Red Deer is midway between Calgary and Edmonton, it affords an opportune point for such an occasion, being 100 miles from either City.

The Mark Master's Degree was worked by a joint team of the sitting Officers of the three Edmonton Chapters, while the Most Excellent Master's and Holy Royal Arch were worked by the three Calgary Chapters. All the work was of a high order. After each degree questions were freely asked and explanations given by the Superintendents.

Red Deer Chapter entertained all the visiting Chapters right royally.

The Superintendents of these two districts have set examples in holding Chapter of Instructions (they having held many others than these mentioned) that their successors might well follow as they not only stimulate interest but tend to build up the ritualistic work and makes uniformity.

It has also been my privilege to instal in several Chapters.

I was also privileged to make several visits in the fall of 1916 to Chapters at that time under Canada, at which I was received in a most cordial, friendly and fraternal spirit.

One of these visits was, to say the least, unique. It was held in Capital City Chapter (now of the Grand Chapter of Alberta), but on the 19th day of July, the time of this Convocation, under the Grand Chapter of Canada, being the occasion of the visit to this Province of Most Excellent Companion Murch.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta having been recognized by the Grand Chapter of Canada on the above date, a number of Companions, Officers of our Grand Chapter, accompanied me to Capital City Chapter by invitation, and we were received and acknowledged in our official capacity, thus two Grand First Principals, each claiming jurisdiction over the same territory, met in open Chapter, where the best Masonic and friendly feeling prevailed.

At this Convocation, for the first time since May, 1914, Companions holding their allegiance to Canada were permitted to fraternize in Capitular Masonry with the Companions of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, though otherwise brethren, friends and relatives.

To say that the occasion was one of rejoicing and good fellowship would be putting it mildly.

In my visits to various Chapters I have found uniformity and a desire to do good and perfect work, seeking to give correct rendering of the ritual, a good feeling of harmony prevailing throughout.

DISPENSATIONS

For good and sufficient reasons I have granted the following dispensations:

To hold Convocation in New Chapter Rooms.

Alberta, No. 1.....	September 16th, 1916
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	June 14th, 1916
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	April 26th, 1916
Calgary, No. 11.....	June 14th, 1916

To qualify Second and First Principals who have not become eligible for service:—

Otuskwan, No. 9.....	January 10th, 1917
Norwood, No. 18.....	December 18th, 1916
Wetaskiwin	Jan. 25th, 1917

To instal out of time:—

Bow Valley, No. 10.....	April 28th, 1916
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	May 11th, 1916
Norwood, No. 18.....	December 18th, 1916
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	January 10th, 1917
Calgary, No. 11.....	January 10th, 1917

I issued Charters to the following Chapters:—

Hillview, No. 15.....	Hillcrest
Keystone, No. 12.....	Red Deer
Vermilion, No. 14.....	Vermilion
Norwood, No. 18.....	Edmonton
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Medicine Hat
Golden West, No. 5.....	High River
Mount Oliver, No. 17.....	Killam
Capital City, No. 13.....	Edmonton
Shekinah, No. 4.....	Lethbridge
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	Claresholm

DISPENSATIONS TO INSTITUTE NEW CHAPTERS

I received an application dated June 1st, from a number of Companions residing in the district of Youngstown, for a dispensation for a Chapter to be known as The Hiram Chapter.

Everything being in order and conforming to regulations I issued the dispensation and the Chapter was duly instituted by R.E. Companion J. E. Johnson, as my representative.

During our year this Grand Chapter, having received recognition as a Grand Chapter and receiving the usual request for exchange of representatives, I have appointed and commissioned the following Companions to represent this Grand Chapter at or near other Grand Chapters.

Alabama	Myron T. Sprague	Mobile
Delaware	John W. Macklem	Wilmington
Florida	James M. Wilson	Kissamee
Indiana	Robert M. H. Britton	Terre Haute
Iowa	Albert O. Wakefield	Sioux City
Kentucky	Samuel K. Veach	Carlisle
Louisiana	Leon S. Haas	Opelomsas
Nebraska	Frank N. Stephenson	Columbus
New York	Charles F. Sherman	Mount Vernon
Ohio	Irving Stafford	Cleveland
Scotland	William MacVey	Portobello
Vermont	Howard H. Shufelt	Burlington
West Virginia	Dr. S. M. Scott	Terra, Alta.

I have also recommended the following Companions to represent other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Alberta:—

Alabama	Albert R. Yates	Gleichen
Arizona	Peter J. Dewie	Medicine Hat
Colorado	Dr. T. C. Bruce	Macleod
Delaware	George E. Hayward	Vermilion
Florida	Stephen Y. Taylor	Calgary
Indiana	W. E. Lord	Red Deer
Iowa	James N. Rankin	Calgary
Kentucky	Dr. George D. Stanley	High River
Louisiana	John E. Johnson	Calgary
Nebraska	Robert Patterson	Macleod
New York	Joseph H. Argue	Calgary
Ohio	Dr. Hiram Darling	Edmonton
Scotland	E. D. H. Wilkins	Wetaskiwin
Vermont	Melvin M. Downey	Calgary
West Virginia	William Thompson	Edmonton

CANADA

Since I observe representatives here from every important centre of Capitular Masonry, and practically every Chapter in this Province, it is hardly necessary for me to report such a self-evident and well-known fact, —that on the occasion of the visit in July last of Most Excellent Companion Murch, of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to this Province, the Grand Chapter of Alberta received recognition by the Grand Chapter of Canada, and an agreement was entered into and signed by the First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and myself, as First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, as well as by six prominent Companions, three owing allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and three owing allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

At this point I wish to express on behalf of the Companions of Alberta our appreciation of the kindly and able co-operation of Most Ex. Comp. Murch in reaching this settlement.

On receiving recognition from the Grand Chapter of Canada we issued the following circular letter to the other Grand Jurisdictions:—

"The difficulty existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada and

the Grand Chapter of Alberta is now harmoniously adjusted and the Grand Chapter of Alberta is now recognized by the Grand Chapter of Canada," thus, adhering strictly to the agreement.

We had all hoped and expected that the settlement and provision for adjustment of all difficulties with the Grand Chapter of Canada would have made it unnecessary for me to refer to subjects which should have been forgotten the moment the agreement was signed, and which so far as we were concerned were forgotten until the Grand Chapter of Canada official announcement of the proceedings in Emergent Convocation was made public to other Grand Chapters and by being printed in a Toronto Masonic periodical.

The circular letter of the Grand Chapter of Canada reads as follows:

"At an Emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, held Tuesday, September 12th, 1916, at the City of Toronto, a resolution was adopted recognizing the Grand Chapter of Alberta in the following terms:

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. George Moore:—

"That having read the report presented by the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada respecting the attitude of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, showing:—

1. "That the Companions of Alberta were misled as to the opinions of the Grand Chapter of Canada in connection with unexpressed desires of the Province of Alberta to form a Grand Chapter in that Province.

2. "That the Companions of Alberta never requested separation from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

3. "That the majority of Chapters in said Province of Alberta were desirous of retaining their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

4. "That having learned the facts in connection with their separation and formation of a Grand Chapter in the Province of Alberta, and having expressed their regrets, as a Grand Chapter for their action.

"Therefore, be it resolved, that this, the Grand Chapter of Canada, accept, the agreement of adjustment presented by Committees appointed by the Grand First Principals of the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and hereby declare that the difficulty existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta be now harmoniously adjusted, and the Grand Chapter of Alberta be recognized and received as a Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Canada."

Now the difficulty which has existed in Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction for some time has become adjusted, it is apparently the prevalent wish of the membership connected with Chapters, working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada, that prosperity will be an abiding factor in the development of the Grand Chapter of Alberta and that peace and harmony, among the Companions of the Province of Alberta, will in future prevail.

Bearing in mind clause six of the agreement which reads:—

"No particulars of the above details of settlement are to be printed in the Proceedings of either Grand Chapter, or in any other way made public, other than being read in the Grand Chapters, and subordinate Chapters in Alberta, except as follows:—

"The difficulty existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta is now harmoniously adjusted and the Grand Chapter of Alberta is recognized by the Grand Chapter of Canada."

I will refer to the agreement or any matter contained therein only when and where it is necessary to answer statements of the Grand Chapter of Canada which materially affect our Grand Chapters and which to our mind are at variance with the agreement and fact.

Take for example, the statement, "That the *majority* of Chapters in said Province of Alberta were desirous of retaining their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada."

It is waste of time to discuss this statement except perhaps to say it is clearly only Chapters on the Grand Registry of Canada at the time of our formation that can be taken into consideration, and the records of both Grand Chapters conclusively show, that there were eleven chartered Chapters in the Province at that time and that seven of these eleven formed the Grand Chapter of Alberta and have ever since remained therewith, and the Grand Chapter of Canada admitted we had that proportion by declaring null and void the charters of that number.

If the Masonic law is adhered to the Grand Chapter of Alberta was in sole Capitular Masonic possession of this Province after the 29th of May, 1914, it follows that those Chapters which the Grand Chapter of Canada assumed to form in this district (either through division of certain chapters with nine or more Companions starting another Chapter, of the same name, under the Grand Chapter of Canada, or new Chapters subsequently formed by the Grand Chapter of Canada) cannot be taken into account.

I also take issue with clause 4 of the Canada letter which reads:—

"Having expressed regrets as a Grand Chapter *for their actions*", knowing our actions to be according to Masonic law and precedent any expression of regrets for our actions was not thought of, much less given, as such an expression would have been repudiation of that Masonic law and precedent adopted by us at our formation, adopted by the Grand Chapter of Canada at its own formation and recognized by the Grand Chapter of Canada in 1871 in the case of Nova Scotia.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta has adhered to Masonic law and precedence, and has throughout this controversy endeavored to exercise Masonic toleration, both in language and acts, at the same time setting forth the truth for the Masonic world.

It was in full understanding and appreciation of this spirit that I, as the First Principal of the Grand Chapter, wrote and delivered the letter containing the only expression of regret given to the Grand Chapter of Canada. While this letter may be construed as part of the agreement (it being mentioned therein) yet, since the language used by the Grand Chapter of Canada is at variance with my letter I am fully justified in quoting that letter in full, for the purpose of giving expression to what actually took place.

Edmonton, July 19th, 1916

Mr. W. S. R. Murch,
Grand First Principal,
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Dear Sir and M.E. Companion:—

Upon your official visit to this Province you stated to representatives of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, your authority and desire to bring about an adjustment of all difficulties standing in the way of the formal recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta by the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Your only objection was a lack of courtesy to the Parent Grand Chapter in not formally requesting that Grand Body's consent to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Our conception of the established Masonic jurisprudence has been that, "where a Grand Lodge exists a Grand Chapter may of right follow," and in accordance with this principle the Grand Chapter of Alberta was formed and erected *by a majority of the subordinate Chapters in this Province.*"

At the time of the formation it was generally thought that had request been formally made to the Grand Chapter of Canada it would have been refused by them, and as a consequence no such action was taken. But you have now given us to understand that if the Grand Chapter of Canada had asked such consent it would have been granted and all the difficulties which have since arisen would have been avoided.

Now, therefore, being equally desirous with you of having peace and harmony prevail in Capitular Masonry throughout the Province, and of establishing friendly relations with the Grand Chapter of Canada, and having its Masonic blessing, we, the Grand Chapter of Alberta, wish to express to you as the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and do express, our regret that the Grand Chapter of Canada should have had occasion in any respect or at any time to regard any act of omission on the part of the Grand Chapter of Alberta as displaying lack of courtesy.

Therefore, having tendered this expression of regret in fulfilment of the condition upon which you have expressed your willingness as the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, to grant Fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, as an independent Grand Chapter Supreme within its own jurisdiction, we trust that the future relationship between the two Grand Bodies will be the pleasantest, and may the spirit of tolerance ripen into such Brotherly love as should exist not only in the Province but between the Grand Bodies as well.

Fraternally yours,

GRAND Z.

Attest

GRAND SCRIBE E.

There are other objections to be taken to the form and contents of this official circular of the Grand Chapter of Canada, but I shall only mention one more which I consider of even greater importance. The language of the circular is such that it might lead one to suppose that an adjustment had been made which would permit a permanent dual occupancy of this Province, indeed, one Grand Chapter has already written enquiring if such is the case. I replied and here desire to record that there was no such understanding, in fact, you will note that in my letter to the Grand Chapter of Canada we expressly stated, as follows:

"Therefore, having tendered this expression of regret in fulfilment of conditions upon which you have expressed your willingness as Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada to grant fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Alberta as an independent Grand Chapter, *supreme within its own jurisdiction.*"

The Grand Chapter of Alberta was, however, to allow a reasonable time for Chapters owing allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada to come over in a decent, orderly manner, and this allowance has been duly and fully made.

Having recently learned that the Grand Chapter of Canada at their convocation appointed a superintendent in Alberta we for the above reasons take issue therewith as thereby they are encroaching on the supremacy of the Grand Chapter of Alberta within its own jurisdiction.

CONDITIONS OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

From returns, which will be submitted, you will note a very substantial increase in membership, which is, indeed, gratifying when the conditions are considered.

On January 1st, 1916, we had seven Chapters with a total membership of 801. During the year we have issued dispensations to a Chapter at Youngstown. In these eight Chapters we have had numerical net growth of 137.

We have also issued charters to a number of Chapters formerly under the Grand Chapter of Canada, with a membership of 799.

This finds our Grand Chapter at this date 18 Chapters with a membership of 1737.

Now that we have reached an end of all disturbances, and the companions in Alberta are left alone to work unitedly for the good of our Grand Chapter, we may expect that the year 1917 will be one of progress, in spite of the war conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Advancement is permitted in a great many Chapters without proficiency. This is not as it should be and we would recommend that whenever possible each candidate as advanced be required to show proficiency by examination in open Lodge.

I recommend that this Grand Chapter secure its own work as adopted May, 1914.

I also recommended that this Grand Chapter secure its own Book of Ceremonies.

CLOSING REMARKS

In conclusion, may I say that during my year as First Principal, greatly exaggerated and highly colored differences throughout the jurisdiction have disappeared, and the wisdom of my two predecessors in office has been demonstrated, they having taken the Masonic attitude that they would rather have Chapters throughout Alberta remain with Canada until such time as they would come over to our Grand Chapter without legal trouble or dissension in their ranks although they knew, had they been anxious to make a showing they could have started Chapters with a large majority of the members in places where the Grand Chapter of Canada claimed authority, and we cannot but admire their broadmindedness in thinking first, last and all the time of the good of Capitular Masonry in Alberta. May we ever conduct our affairs with rigid integrity and preserve unsullied the name of this Grand Chapter.

I cannot refrain from again thanking those companions who have recently joined our ranks, for their presence and for their sympathy with us in a situation which was not of Alberta, though embarrassing to all companions in this Province. When the situation became acute their stand was decided and true, not only to us but to their legal ties as they conceived.

We appreciate beyond words the almost complete and general prevalence of this sentiment.

F. S. WATSON, Grand Z.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. R. Dickson, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. be received and referred to the Committee on Grand Z.'s address.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. welcomed the Representatives from Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Scotland, Vermont and West Virginia speaking as follows:

In Welcoming the Grand Representatives the Grand First Principal said:

I welcome you as the representatives, or ambassadors, from other Provinces and foreign lands. You are commissioned by the Grand First Principal of other jurisdictions to form a tie of fraternity and friendship between the jurisdiction you represent and the Grand Chapter of Alberta. I will ask you to convey to the Grand Chapter which you represent, our expressions of friendship and Brotherly love.

The Grand Chapters, who have given us unqualified recognition, naturally have the foremost claim to our fraternal regard and devotion. They have unhesitatingly at times and places upheld us through channels, not yet so widely open to us in foreign correspondence, and they have but exemplified that in Masonry, as in other walks of life, "A friend in need is a friend indeed".

Those Grand Chapters, who have not yet decided, or recognized us as a Grand Chapter, we still hope and trust that they give this controversy sufficient time and thought to do us justice, and we have no doubt that they will become convinced that we are entitled to recognition as a matter of right.

Those Grand Chapters who admit our regularity and claim to recognition, but withheld it out of deference to long standing fraternal relationship with the Grand Chapter of Canada, we have only to say if this course is justified by Masonic custom we hope to be excused if we have failed to appreciate it.

Ex. Comp. William Thompson, Grand Representative of West Virginia replied to the address of welcome as follows:

Most Ex. Grand First Principal:

Personally, and on behalf of my companions, I thank you for the earnest, hearty and gracious welcome which you have extended to us.

I am sure I voice the sentiments of all when I say that we enjoy the pleasure of being in this your capitol city, on such an occasion as this. Nothing could be more beneficial to us than this coming together, shaking hands, intermingling socially, exchanging ideas, and learning what "the other fellow" thinks and does. It is by such unions as these that we make progress; we learn more how we severally constitute a chain, how each one of us is a link in that chain and how necessary each link is to the whole. As we and our successors meet year after year as old friends and faithful workers we shall surely secure fresh inspiration.

As time goes on here will be met those grown gray in the service of Capitular Masonry, those who shall have seen this grand body grow from year to year. From them our successors shall learn their experience, and shall return to their homes with higher ideals, wider visions and greater knowledge of what our Order stands for. We love Masonry.

We love it for its lofty ideals, its beautiful phrasing, its origin, its purity, its simplicity. The sublimity of its teachings, its humanizing influences, its restraining power on our passions and prejudices, all tend to make it dear to our hearts.

We are pleased to be here with you, this being for most of us the first opportunity we have had of sitting in this Grand Body. We represent Grand Chapters who have given unqualified recognition to the Grand Chapter of Alberta and who have been happy to do so. True it is that some of our Grand Chapters were a little slow in the matter, but we feel sure that this delay was purely on what they conceived to be Masonic grounds. Their long relationship with the Grand Chapter of Canada did not seem to warrant them taking such a step, although their sympathies we know were with this Grand Body. This ground may not have seemed logical, but they conceived it to be kindly to the Grand Chapter of Canada, and they had always hoped that the Grand Chapter of Canada would act according to hints given in the proceedings of our various Grand Bodies. There is no question that Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction is rapidly assuming a prominent position in the great Masonic Fraternity. The strongest ties exist between it and the other branches of Freemasonry, and wherever a Chapter is in existence its worth and power for good cannot fail to be recognized. Today it is stronger than it has ever been in this jurisdiction, and that its growth is as yet in the infant stage is a fact that no one can deny. The future of this Grand Body is such that we may well feel proud, as indeed we are proud, of having a seat in such an assembly.

The influence of Royal Arch Masonry is felt wherever in existence. Its devotees are patriotic, and each Chapter can show its Honour Roll, and alas some are now in mourning for dead heroes. Royal Arch Masons are recognized as honourable and upright men in their daily life, and demonstrate that they are ever mindful of their obligations.

I would wish to congratulate you on the noble work accomplished during your year of office, a work that will be far reaching in its effect on the work of the Craft. With this in closing, knowing your aversion to personal reference, I extend the greetings and felicitations of our respective Grand Chapters.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, I.P.Z.

Representative of Grand Chapter R.A.M. of State of West Virginia

Grand Superintendent's Reports

Calgary, March 5, 1917

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and
Members of The Grand Chapter of Alberta.

I have the honour to submit the following report on the condition of
Capitular Masonry in District No. 2 for the year 1916.

All the Chapters in this district have been visited by me at least once
and I am pleased to report that the greatest harmony prevails, that the
Chapters are well officered and that the work is uniform.

Notwithstanding the war and other adverse influences there has been
a good increase in membership and the prospects for the future are
exceedingly bright.

For the sake of brevity, it is not my intention to report on each
Chapter individually.

Acting on instructions from M. Ex. Comp. Watson, Grand Z. on
June 28th, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. Argue, Grand Lecturer, and
Ex. Comp. Lent of Otuskwine Chapter, I instituted The Hiram Chapter
at Youngstown and installed the officers. This Chapter had thirteen
Companions on its petition for a Dispensation, and a large class of can-
didates were exalted at its first convocation. It has now a full set of
paraphernalia and with active officers should be very successful. I regret
that I was unable to make a second visit to Youngstown but from reports
I have received I have pleasure in recommending that a charter be
granted to The Hiram Chapter.

The one great object I have had in view during my term has been
uniformity of work, and for this reason I have held Chapters of Instruc-
tion at Calgary and Red Deer.

On June 14th the first one held at Calgary was largely attended, the
Grand Z. and many Grand Chapter officers being present.

Calgary Chapter No. 11 conferred the Mark Master Degree.

Otuskwine Chapter No. 9 conferred the Most Excellent, and

Alberta Chapter No. 1 conferred the Royal Arch Degree. The work
was performed in a very creditable manner.

On Jan. 26th, this year, assisted by Right Ex. Comp. Darling of
No. 1 District a Chapter of Instruction was held at Red Deer under the
auspices of Keystone Chapter No. 12. The Mark Master Degree was
conferred by Ex. Comp. Armstrong and officers of the Edmonton Chapters.

The Most Excellent Degree by Ex. Comp. Mercer and officers of
Otuskwine Chapter, and the Royal Arch Degree by R. Ex. Comp. English
and officers of the Calgary Chapters.

Seven Chapters were represented at this Convocation and no doubt
great good will result. Keystone Chapter looked after the entertainment
of the many Companions, and nothing was lacking in this respect. The
ladies of the Presbyterian Church provided a splendid banquet, and alto-
gether the meeting was one of the most successful ever held by Royal
Arch Masons in Alberta. Most Ex. Comp. Watson and many Grand
Chapter Officers were in attendance and took part in the comments on the
work.

On Jan. 10th assisted by M. Ex. Comps. Taylor and Rankin, V. Ex.
Comp. Jelfs and other Ex. Companions I had the pleasure of installing
the officers of the three Calgary Chapters at a joint convocation.

I congratulate the Grand Chapter of Alberta on having during the year been recognized as a Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Canada, as well as by many other Grand Chapters throughout the Masonic world, and also on having received into its jurisdiction all but one of the Chapters which formerly gave their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

I regret that the Companions of Otuskwini Chapter, No. 179 G.R.C. did not see fit to amalgamate with Otuskwini Chapter No. 9 G.R.A. At a convocation of the latter Chapter held in July, 1916, a committee was appointed to confer with a like committee from Otuskwini No. 179 "as to the best manner in which the terms of the agreement entered into between the Grand Chapter of Alberta and the Grand Chapter of Canada may be attained". The resolution was communicated to Otuskwini No. 179 in due course but no reply was received. At a communication held by Otuskwini No. 9 on Oct. 19th, Ex. Comp. Mercer, Z. reported that "he had had an interview with the First Principal of Otuskwini No. 179 regarding the matter but no action had resulted". Since that date no communication has been received from Otuskwini Chapter No. 179. I am sorry to say that this Chapter has now ceased to exist. It had among its members many true Masons and it is to be regretted that the efforts of Otuskwini No. 9 towards amalgamation were of no avail. In this connection I understand that the books, paraphernalia and moneys of No. 179 have been placed in the custody of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

My last official visit was to Bow Valley Chapter No. 10 at Gleichen on Feb. 21st. At this convocation Ex. Comp. MacDonald assisted by Right Ex. Comp. Yates and the Officers of Bow Valley Chapter conferred the Royal Arch Degree on a class of candidates in a very satisfactory manner. At the conclusion of the work of the evening a splendid banquet was prepared by the ladies of Gleichen, this being followed by a very enjoyable dance. This Chapter is to be congratulated in having an active body of officers who within a couple of years, since their Masonic Hall was burned have secured a good Lodge Room and a complete set of paraphernalia.

I have found the books in all the Chapters kept in a very satisfactory manner by the Scribes E. In nearly every Chapter many members are in arrears for dues and while the "hard times" may to a great extent be responsible for this, yet it is the duty of the First Principal to see that this important part of their duties is not neglected.

In conclusion I thank the companions of this District for their kindness and consideration to me during the year. My term has indeed been a pleasant one and I am deeply indebted to the Companions who have attended me on my visits, and have given me their valued assistance.

Respectfully submitted

J. E. JOHNSON,

Superintendent District No. 2.

To the M. Ex. The Grand Z., Officers and Members of this
Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Alberta

In presenting this report for District No. 1 of this Grand Chapter I do not think it is of vital interest to you when I visited the different Chapters, or how royally I was received, as your representative, and entertained. It is of great interest to you that I found each Chapter

making progress. Most of them are quite seriously handicapped by the absence, in war, of active and valuable members. During my year I have visited the following several times, Mount Horeb, No. 6, Wetaskiwin, Norwood No. 18, Edmonton, North Star No. 2, Edmonton, Capital City No. 13, Edmonton, and a Chapter of Installation at Red Deer.

Mount Horeb is a Chapter of small numbers and particularly handicapped by members being on active service. I saw the R.A. Degree conferred in very excellent form by Ex. Comp. Wallace and his associate officers. The Grand Z. accompanied me on this visit. At Norwood Chapter we saw the M.M.M. Degree conferred in a way I have seldom seen, each officer being master of the letter and the spirit of his work. Of especial interest to me was the effort to help the daughter (and family) of a companion lying in France, undertaken by this courageous but young Chapter. I know they have succeeded by the way they began. I visited North Star No. 2 at their regular meeting in February. This is my own Chapter, and one of the best in the west from the point of attendance, and interest. In the hands of its new officers it bids fair to excel again. About 40 were present to witness the M.E.M. Degree and attend the business session. There were 5 candidates in waiting. Vermillion Chapter I had expected to attend with M. Ex. Comp. Watson in December but R. Ex. Comp. Taylor was there and very kindly installed their officers which came simultaneously with the same ceremony at North Star which I assisted the M. Ex. Grand Z. to do. Vermillion had postponed theirs on this account. Mount Olivet Chapter at Killam I have been quite unable to visit on account of other duties since it has been of our number. I believe it is in a thriving and energetic Masonic atmosphere and will profit thereby. Capital City Chapter I was able to visit informally in February. This is a vigorous and growing Chapter in the hands of capable and energetic Companions. Their work is well done and they have maintained the spirit and energy of their first meetings. In all these Chapters the books and records are in the hands of faithful companions.

I have great pleasure in reporting to you that all the Chapters in District No. 1 are now in allegiance to our Grand Chapter. I would make the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1st. Three and three only candidates at a time in the H.R.A. i.e. for all but lectures.
- 2nd. Each candidate in M.M.M. Degree carry work separately..
- 3rd. That there be no dual membership under this Grand Chapter except in a case of Hon. Membership for special service done.
- 4th. That a book of Marks be faithfully kept in each Chapter of this jurisdiction or our M.M.M. obligation changed.
- 5th. That Chapters of Instruction be held in each district, annually, at least.
- 6th. That a general Grand Chapter for the Dominion is not only desirable, but advisable.

These recommendations are the result, largely, of my observations, visits and consultations, as your Superintendent of No. 1 District. I will not weary you with any details of how I arrived at them. They are not hasty conclusions. In a final word I wish to thank the members and respective Chapters, for unusual kindness and hospitality in receiving

me as your representative. Even North Star forgot, for the hour, to address me as "Doc", and remembered all the honour due you as a Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

H. DARLING,

Gen. Supt. District No. 1

On motion of E. Comp. William Thompson, seconded by E. Comp. W. C. Whiteley, it was

RESOLVED, That the reports of the Grand Superintendents be received and referred to the Committee on Condition of Capitular Masonry.

COMMUNICATIONS

Tenders from the Star Printing Works and from J. D. McAra for printing Annual Proceedings and the Constitution.

Telegram from R. E. Comp. Patterson expressing regrets that he was unable to be in attendance.

Telegram from R. E. Comp. Bowes regretting his non-attendance.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, it was

RESOLVED, That the tenders be received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

On motion of E. Comp. W. F. W. Lent, seconded by R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, it was

RESOLVED, That the Grand Scribe E. be instructed to express the sympathy of this Grand Chapter to R. E. Comp. Robert Patterson on the death of his son.

On motion of R. E. Comp. S. E. Cornell, seconded by E. Comp. Whiteley, it was

RESOLVED, That the telegram of R. E. Comp. Bowes be received and filed.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE
To the M.E. The First Grand Principal, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence beg leave to report as follows:

Since the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, fraternal recognition has been granted by fifteen Grand Chapters, including the Grand Chapter of Canada. Many Grand Chapters had previously declared that we were well within our rights and entitled to a Grand Chapter, but had out of deference to, and long standing fraternal relationship with the Grand Chapter of Canada withheld recognition in the hope that Canada would lead in this respect.

We are pleased to state that at a special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada held in the city of Toronto on Tuesday, September 12th, 1916, recognition was accorded to this Grand Chapter.

Prior, however, to this date, the Grand Chapter of Arizona at its Annual Convocation on March 15th, 1916, presented the following resolution through its Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

"Your Committee on Correspondence begs to report that nothing has been presented to it during the year that has required its special attention.

The matter of the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, a legacy from last year, has received due and careful attention, and from all that your Committee can learn, it appears that the Grand Chapter of Alberta was regularly formed. Your Committee regrets that the Grand Chapter of Canada has not yet given recognition to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, but believing that the law and custom of the American Masonic bodies has been fully complied with, and that the Companions forming the Grand Chapter of Alberta were within their rights, your Committee recommends that fraternal recognition be extended to our sister of Alberta, and that the M.E. Grand High Priest be authorized to arrange for the exchange of Grand Representatives.

Faternally submitted,

MORRIS GOLDWATER,
HEDRICK D. AITKEN,
RICHARD L. FULLER,

Committee.

Which was adopted and the recommendation concurred in.

The second Grand Chapter to recognize us as a regularly constituted Grand Chapter was that of Florida. Their Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence ament this question presented the following report which was received and adopted

"In the matter of the request for recognition by the Grand Chapter of Alberta, Canada, we have made an exhaustive examination of the papers forwarded by the Grand Chapter, and by the protesting Grand Chapter of Canada, in Ontario, and find that the Chapters in Alberta forming the new Grand Chapter, were regularly chartered; that a legal and constitutional number of them acting within their masonic right, in a proper manner, and after due notice, met and organized the new Grand Chapter. There has been nothing shown as a basis for the allegation, that the new Grand Chapter is clandestine, but per contra it is a well recognized fact which has become a part of the Masonic law of the Supreme Masonic bodies in the United States, that when the civil government divides one state into two, and creates two independent states where one existed, that, by operation of the Masonic law the Lodges (and Chapters) in each, acquire the right to have a Grand Body of its own. We, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following: 'Resolved that the Grand Chapter R.A.M. of Florida hereby recognizes the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and that the Grand High Priest be authorized to arrange for an exchange of Grand Representatives'."

The third Grand Chapter to grant fraternal recognition to this Grand Chapter was that of Vermont at their Annual Convocation in the city of Burlington on Friday, June 16th, 1916.

After giving an exhaustive review of our proceedings from the date of our formation to the present time, the Committee states as follows:

"This Grand Chapter, notwithstanding the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada proclaimed it to the world an '*irregular, spurious and clandestine*' body of masons, had decreed sentence of suspension against the three Principals of the '*clandestine*' body and subsequently decreed suspension against 535 other companions who had acknowledged the authority of the Grand Chapter of Alberta without the least authority of masonic law, has continued the even tenor of its ways, now having seven subordinate chapters in its obedience with a membership of 801, having made a net gain of 54 since its organization.

From the very beginning, the doctrine of the Universality of Masonry has everywhere been proclaimed, and the law of masonry is held by all masonic scholars as of equal universality. While it is true, that Grand and Subordinate Bodies of Masons may adopt for the purposes of local government laws, rules and regulations, yet if they fringe the general law, usages and landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry they have no binding force and effect. Precedents, no doubt, may be cited where action has been had, and acquiesced in, that infringed the general law of masonry as it has been understood and administered for nearly two hundred years. We may be permitted to state the law of Masonry in the brief language of Judge Drummond of Maine, a universally acknowledged learned writer in both Civil and Masonic Jurisprudence. He says:

'When the civil government divides one State into two and creates two independent States, where one existed, by operation of the masonic law, the lodges in each acquire the right to have a lodge of its own. The result comes not from the civil law alone, but from the joint operation of civil and masonic law'.

This principal was proclaimed by Grand Master Philip C. Tucker in his address to the Grand Lodge in 1857, while discussing the question of the legal *status* of the Grand Lodge of Canada that had been erected against the protest of the United Grand Lodge of England. He said:

'Ever since the American Revolution the masonic practice in the United States has been—that when three or more warranted lodges are established in any State or Territory where no Grand Lodge exists, they possess the *inherent* right to meet together and form one themselves, and it is not and never was considered necessary to ask the consent of the Grand Lodge from which their respective warrants emanated, for this purpose. Most of the Grand Lodges in the United States have been formed in this way, and every Grand Lodge has sanctioned this mode of action, so that the practice and principle are beyond dispute'.

'With what show of reason then can we discard this acknowledged principle and practice? England, Scotland, Ireland, assumed it, and the Grand Lodges of the United States have followed out the assumption. What decent apology can we give for attempting to discard it now, only because our northern brother has followed in the common path?'

He then went on to show how the Grand Lodge of England organized in 1715-1717 by four lodges of the City of London without consent from any quarter, notwithstanding the then Grand Master of Masons of England lived in the same city, holding office under the York Assembly which had claimed jurisdiction over Masons in all England. It is needless to say that the Grand Lodge of Vermont granted fraternal recognition to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In September, 1857, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada West, at a meeting in the City of Toronto, undertook by resolution to erect themselves into a Grand Lodge of Canada under the title of 'The Ancient Grand Lodge of Canada in succession to the Provincial Grand Lodge. The question as to its legal status was before our Grand Lodge in 1858 and was fully discussed by Grand Master Tucker in his usual vigorous manner, and we having already recognized the independent Grand Lodge of Canada, among other things he said:

'No other Grand Lodge can legitimately be acknowledged for that Province until that fundamental law of masonry is changed which admits of but one Grand Lodge in any country, state or territory'.

in 1869 the Grand Chapter of the Province of Nova Scotia was organized, and M. E. T. Douglas Herrington, the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada in his address to his Grand Chapter in 1870 said:

'Since our last annual convocation, the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia has been formally organized and although I could not help thinking the action was somewhat premature, considering the small number of chapters existing in that Province, yet acting on my conviction that where there is a Grand Lodge, a Grand Chapter may of right follow, I have no hesitation about acknowledging the 'Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia' and wishing that body all success and prosperity'.

The report of the Executive Committee to whom the address was referred contains the following:

'We beg respectfully to support the opinion and argument on which the M.E. First Principal bases his recognition of the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, viz.: 'That where there is a Grand Lodge, a Grand Chapter may of right follow.' We trust, therefore, you will join with us in extending the right hand of fellowship to our young sister, and unite with us in wishing her every prosperity and a long and continued career of success and usefulness.'

I might cite the case of the Grand Chapter of Quebec vs. the Grand Chapter of England which was brought before this Grand Chapter at its annual convocations in 1884, 1885 and 1886, when the Chairman of this committee was Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter of England asserted its right of supremacy over certain subordinate Chapters within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. The Grand Chapter of Quebec respectfully and earnestly besought His Royal Highness as Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of England, in the interest of masonic peace and harmony, to withdraw its warrants and authority under which all chapters subordinate to the English Grand Chapter existed in that Province. The Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of England briefly replied saying: 'That so long as these chapters (which existed many years before the formation of the Grand Chapter of Quebec) desire to remain under the Grand Chapter of England, they cannot be compelled to sever their allegiance thereto'. The concluding sentence of the reply was a refusal to withdraw the two Royal Arch Chapters as requested.

It will be observed that the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec did not ask for the severance of allegiance of the two Subordinate Chapters to the Grand Chapter of England. It was not contended that English R. A. Masons could be compelled to sever their allegiance with the mother Grand Chapter. The request was, simply, to withdraw their warrants issued, and to cease to exercise any masonic authority within the Province of Quebec, thereby leaving the aforesaid two English chapters the option of becoming subject to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, or to remain as individual masons in isolation. There can be no question but that a Grand Chapter has authority to revoke a power once granted—to withdraw a charter or warrant by it issued. A Subordinate Chapter can only exist through the support of the Grand Chapter, and with their warrants and authority withdrawn the whole difficulty ends.

In the above case the Grand Chapter of Quebec authorized its Grand Z. to issue his edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Chapter of England, its Subordinate Chapters and members then or thereafter to become obedient thereto, and this Grand Chapter gave its unqualified approval, and also directed its Grand High Priest to issue its edict of non-intercourse

as sweeping as that of the Grand Chapter of Quebec. We might cite many other similar cases in which the law of masonry has been declared, but those we have referred to ought to be considered sufficient so far, at least, as its application to the question now before us is concerned.

The Grand Z. of Canada, and his Grand Chapter, still claim and exercise jurisdiction over the Province of Alberta, its chapters and members; have granted dispensations for the formation of additional chapters; have caused suits at law to be brought against the officers or custodians of the property held by the chapters that are obedient to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and in other ways have shown their purpose to continue to exercise jurisdiction therein, and to humiliate the masonic manhood of companions of the order.

The evils of an existing concurrent jurisdiction are too manifest for argument. There can be no such thing in masonry as a concurrent jurisdiction by two Grand Bodies exercising the same functions within the same territorial limits. The Grand Chapter of Alberta has exclusive jurisdiction over the entire territory of that Province, or it has none at all. If it was constitutionally and lawfully organized, then it has exclusive and sovereign jurisdiction throughout that entire Province, and the exercise, or the attempted exercise, of jurisdiction therein by the Grand Chapter of Canada is an unwarranted invasion of the masonic rights of the former.

It may be asked, what will become of the chapters and companions in that Province who have remained obedient to the Grand Chapter of Canada? True, those companions cannot be compelled to sever their allegiance to the mother Grand Chapter, but the Grand Chapter of Canada and its Grand Z. should withdraw their warrants as they have the lawful right to do, from all chapters that refuse to recognize the authority of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, which act of withdrawal would leave its members remaining, not in obedience to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, as individual masons in isolation. With the warrants and authority withdrawn, as suggested, the whole difficulty would end, and that peace and harmony so much to be desired by all Capitular Masons throughout the world, would again prevail in our sister Grand Chapters in the Canadian Provinces.

After a patient and painstaking examination of the questions involved, with an earnest desire to act justly, in this unfortunate controversy, towards the parties immediately concerned, we cannot avoid the conclusion that our companions of Alberta in their act of erecting a Grand Chapter for that Province, May 29, 1914, took every step necessary, or that is required to be taken, for the formation of a masonic Grand Body. Perhaps it would have been better, all round, if the companions of Alberta had courteously advised the Mother Grand Chapter of their desire to organize a Grand Chapter, and requested her fraternal blessing, but this was wholly unnecessary as a matter of law, usage and precedent.

We, therefore, unhesitatingly give it as our opinion that the Grand Chapter of Alberta was constitutionally and lawfully organized, and is the only Grand Chapter entitled to exercise jurisdiction over the Capitular Degrees of masonry in the Province of Alberta, and as such ought to receive the fraternal recognition of all other Grand Bodies of Royal Arch Masons.

KITTREDGE HASKINS,
HENRY S. ROOT,
HENRY L. BALLOU,
Committee on Correspondence

Burlington, Vt., June 16, 1916.

On motion of Companion Henry H. Ross, a vote of thanks was extended to Companion Haskins for his able and exhaustive presentation of the status of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

M. E. Kittredge Haskins, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, moved the adoption of the following resolution to which the Grand Chapter agreed.

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA

Resolved. That the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Vermont, hereby courteously extends its fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Alberta, and requests an exchange of Grand Representatives.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and hereby is, directed to communicate the action of this Grand Chapter and the above resolution to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Alberta."

Adopted June 16, 1916.

We desire to convey our warmest thanks to the Companions of these three Grand Chapters for taking the initiative in granting us that favour which we claimed as our just due, and which although acceded as our rightful claim was withheld for the time being by other Grand Jurisdictions.

During the month of July of last year M. E. Companion W. S. R. Murch, First Grand Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada visited several Chapters in this Province. After a full survey of the situation he had an interview with our Grand First Principal and terms of agreement were entered into and completed, before his return to the East. Contemporaneously with the signing of the articles of agreement by the Grand Z.'s and the members of Committees appointed by them, the following letter was submitted to M. E. Comp. Murch:

"Your only objection was a lack of courtesy to the parent Grand Chapter in not formally requesting that Grand Body's consent to the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Our conception of the established Masonic Jurisprudence has been 'That where a Grand Lodge exists, a Grand Chapter may of right follow', and, in accordance with this principle, the Grand Chapter of Alberta was formed and erected by a majority of the subordinate Chapters of this Province.

At the time of the formation it was generally thought that had request been formally made to the Grand Chapter of Canada, it would have been refused by them and as a consequence, no such action was taken. But you have now given us to understand that if the Grand Chapter of Alberta had asked such consent would have been granted and all the difficulties which have since arisen would have been avoided.

Now, therefore, being equally desirous with you of having peace and harmony prevail in Capitular Masonry throughout the Province, and of establishing friendly relations with the Grand Chapter of Canada, and having their masonic blessing, we, the Grand Chapter of Alberta wish to express to you as Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and do express our regrets that the Grand Chapter of Canada should have had occasion in any respect or at any time to regard any act of omission on the part of the Grand Chapter of Alberta as displaying lack of courtesy."

As previously stated, the Grand Chapter of Canada at a special convocation held on Sept. 12, 1916, granted recognition to this Grand Chapter and on Sept. 14th their Grand Scribe E. issued the following circular letter:

"Office of Grand Scribe E.

Temple Building, Toronto,

Sept. 14, 1916.

"Dear Sir and Comp.:

The Most Excellent the Grand Z. has directed me to inform you that at an emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, held at the City of Toronto, Ontario, Tuesday, Sept. 12th, 1916, recognition was accorded to the Grand Chapter of Alberta, in the following terms:—

"Moved by Most Ex. Comp. A. Shaw, seconded by Most Ex. Comp. Geo. Moore:

That having read the report presented by the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada respecting the attitude of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, showing:—

1. That the Companions of Alberta were misled as to the opinion of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in connection with unexpressed desires of the Province of Alberta to form a Grand Chapter in that Province.

2. That the Companions of Alberta never requested separation from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

3. That the majority of the Chapters in said Province of Alberta were desirous of retaining their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

4. That having learned the facts in connection with the separation and formation of a Grand Chapter in the Province of Alberta and having expressed their regrets as a Grand Chapter for their action.

Therefore be it resolved that this the Grand Chapter of Canada, accept the agreement of adjustment presented by Committee appointed by the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and hereby declare that the difficulty existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Chapter of Alberta be now harmoniously adjusted, and the Grand Chapter of Alberta, be recognized and received as a Grand Chapter by the Grand Chapter of Canada."

Now that the difficulty that existed in this Jurisdiction respecting the formation of the Grand Chapter of Alberta has been adjusted and recognition to that Grand Body accorded, as the terms of the foregoing resolution imply, the Grand Z. desires the best fraternal relationship shall be maintained between the Companions holding allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada and those holding allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Fraternally yours,

(Sgd.) Henry T. Smith,

Grand Scribe E.

(Seal)

It is unfortunate that at least two of the statements embodied in this letter are not in accordance with the facts. Nowhere in the agreement signed by the officials of the two Grand Chapters is to be found such language as:—"The majority of Chapters in the said Province of Alberta were desirous of retaining their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Canada."

The fact is that seven of the eleven warranted Chapters in the Province did on May 29, 1914, transfer their allegiance to the Grand Chapter of Alberta and were suspended by the Grand Chapter of Canada for so doing. This has been authenticated and verified beyond dispute and we are at a loss to know why it should appear as part of the report adopted by the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Clause four of the report is in the opinion of your Committee also misleading.

At the time of our formation we accepted the following as the basic masonic principle upon which we should act.

That whenever a province has been granted legislative, judicial and administrative powers with a regularly organized Grand Lodge in sole and undisputed possession of such province, a majority of the Chapters with a majority of the members in the province may if they so desire organize a Grand Chapter.

We have strictly adhered to this principle and have had no occasion to regret the action which we then took.

In conclusion your Committee desires to record their appreciation of the untiring efforts exerted by M. E. Companions Murch and Watson in bringing about peace and harmony in Capitular Masonry throughout the Province. Only one small Chapter remains without the fold. Greater interest and enthusiasm is everywhere manifest and the officers of this Grand Chapter may be proud of the progress and growth of Capitular Masonry during the past year.

Since our Grand Chapter has been officially recognized by the Grand Chapter of Canada the following Grand Jurisdictions have also extended the right hand of fellowship; Delaware, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Nebraska, New York, Ohio, Scotland and West Virginia.

Faternally submitted,

S. Y. TAYLOR.

APPENDIX

Decisions

Decisions Found in the Proceedings of Other Grand Chapters

AFFILIATION

A Companion Royal Arch Mason from a foreign Jurisdiction affiliating by demit with a West Virginian Chapter, shall have the Cryptic Degrees conferred upon him as soon as possible by the Chapter which elects him.—*West Virginia*, 1915.

A resident of Illinois, with a demit from Michigan, can affiliate with a Wisconsin Chapter provided he is an affiliated Master Mason in good standing or is not voluntarily non-affiliated for over one year.—*Wisconsin*, 1916.

CONFERRING DEGREES

There is no written law that would prevent the High Priest from calling upon any Companion to confer the degrees.—*Arkansas*, 1915.

DEMIT

If objection is made to granting a demit on account of an allegation of Masonic offense action must await investigation.—*Florida*, 1916.

A demit cannot be granted if charges have been preferred.—*Florida*, 1916.

A demit must be granted at a stated convocation, and an application made in open Chapter.—*Florida*, 1916.

An elected or appointed officer cannot demit during the period for which he has been installed.—*Idaho*, 1915.

There is no reason why membership cards should not be used if desired. It will be necessary, however, that the official receipt be used, and any card used will not take the place of an official receipt.—*Idaho*, 1915.

A petition for a demit may be withdrawn at any time previous to the announcement by the High Priest that it had been granted, provided such request is made in writing.—*Illinois*, 1915.

ELIGIBILITY

A candidate's eligibility is to be determined by his condition at the time he applies for the degrees and at the time of conferring the same. If after taking some of the degrees he becomes ineligible, he is debarred from taking the remainder.—*Georgia*, 1916.

A brother with one leg rigid is not eligible to receive the Chapter Degrees. It would be impossible for him either to receive or impart the G. and S. N.—*New Hampshire*, 1916.

There is no limit of official service or qualification required to be eligible for the office of High Priest of a Chapter.—*South Dakota*, 1916.

There is no way to evade the requirement of six months residence in the Jurisdiction of the Chapter petitioned, and the only thing to do is to wait the necessary six months before receiving the petition.—*Washington*, 1915.

EXPULSION

A Companion expelled by the Grand Lodge is expelled at the same time from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, and so remains during the life of the edict of expulsion.—*Nova Scotia*, 1915.

A Brother Master Mason meeting with an accident which renders him incapable of conforming to the ritualistic requirements of the Capitular Degrees, is not eligible to receive the Capitular Degree in this Grand Jurisdiction.—*West Virginia*, 1915.

FEES

Fees for the degrees must in every case accompany the application.—*Arkansas*, 1915.

An amendment to by-laws increasing fees on a specified date makes the increased fee payable on all petitions presented to Chapters after that date, no matter at what time they may be dated.—*Michigan*, 1916.

The law requires payment of the fees in advance, and any member or officer being a party to the giving of credit violates the laws of the Order, and should be disciplined.—*Washington*, 1915.

The giving of credit for fees does not affect the standing of the petitioner as a member of the Chapter after receiving the degrees.—*Washington*, 1915.

FUNDS

It is not lawful for a Chapter to appropriate any of its funds for the purpose of promoting and supporting a publication, whether devoted to Masonic purposes or otherwise, if the same be for profit, or if its circulation be gained by individual cash-paying subscribers.—*Illinois*, 1915.

There is no provision of law requiring a Chapter to collect any specific sum as annual dues, but they should be sufficient to defray the proper expenses of the Chapter.—*Missouri*, 1916.

The Chapter is the judge of the spending of its money within the limits of strictly Masonic purposes. The members of the Chapter are the judges of how much they will appropriate, not the Grand High Priest.—*New York*, 1916.

JURISDICTIONS

Every subordinate Chapter situate within the corporate limits of a town or city has co-extensive territorial jurisdiction within such corporate limits.—*Alabama*, 1915.

A person removing from the jurisdiction of one Chapter to that of another, cannot become a candidate until he has lived the time prescribed by Masonic law in the jurisdiction into which he has removed. *Connecticut*, 1916.

Jurisdiction is concurrent in case of a place equi-distant from two Chapters when one has railroad, the other public road communication.—*North Carolina*, 1915.

A brother elected in Missouri but removed to Oklahoma, in which State he has resided for five years, is material of the subordinate Chapter in whose Jurisdiction he lives.—*Oklahoma*, 1916.

A Chapter which has surrendered its Charter is officially dead, and material of its former Jurisdiction is then the material of the Chapter nearest the residence of applicant.—*Tennessee*, 1916.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

A voluntary gift of life membership by a Chapter is irrevocable.—*Georgia*, 1916.

A resolution conferring life membership upon a Companion, in the absence of a law authorizing such a procedure, and by impromptu action, is improper and illegal.—*Illinois*, 1915.

Life membership is permissible if provided for in the proper by-laws, but dues to the Grand Chapter must be paid the same as upon other members.—*North Carolina*, 1915.

MARKS

An affiliating Companion should record his Mark in the book kept for that purpose.—*Georgia*, 1916.

It is not within the province of the Grand High Priest to grant permission to any member to change his Mark after same has been recorded in the Lodge Book of Marks.—*Oregon*, 1916.

MASONIC PURPOSES

Banquets or refreshments are necessary Masonic purposes.—*New York*, 1916.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Grand Chapter of Florida has nothing to do with Cerneanism. He can be received as a visitor if a Royal Arch Mason in good standing and a member of a regular Chapter.—*Florida*, 1916.

A ballot is necessary, though the Companion pleads guilty to charges of gross un-Masonic conduct.—*Georgia*, 1916.

The Square and Compass in the Royal Arch Degree should be arranged as in the Master Mason Degree.—*Georgia*, 1916.

A Companion authorized to do so, can legally accept the office of High Priest for a Companion absent at the time of the election.—*New York*, 1916.

Public installations are not proper for a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The ceremonies of a Chapter should take place before Royal Arch Masons only. It is well to have Master Masons' nights, receptions, dances and ladies' nights, if the business of the Royal Arch Masons is kept to themselves.—*New York*, 1916.

Visitors from a Jurisdiction which does not work the Past Master's Degree must be healed before they can be admitted. The omission of references to that degree in the opening and closing ceremonies is not sufficient or proper, all the signs must be given.—*New York*, 1916.

It is proper that a Chapter attend the funeral of one of its Companions, as a token of respect to his memory. It would not be proper, however, for the Chapter or for Royal Arch Masons as such, to take an active part in the ceremonies.—*New York*, 1916.

A Most Excellent Master has no right to wear a Keystone.—*Tennessee*, 1916.

A Brother who petitioned a Chapter five years before and never received the degrees, is not thereby the material of that Chapter, but to receive the degrees must petition anew.—*Tennessee*, 1916.

A Companion who has not served as King or Scribe in a Subordinate Chapter, is not eligible to the office of High Priest in any Subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.—*West Virginia*, 1915.

The Grand High Priest cannot request a Subordinate Chapter to confer the Select and Royal Master Degrees upon a Brother at the request of a Grand Body with which the Grand Chapter has no fraternal correspondence.—*West Virginia, 1915.*

Legal and Masonic residence are synonymous terms, and where a man maintains his legal voting residence there is also his Masonic residence.—*West Virginia, 1915.*

The Grand High Priest has authority to heal a Companion who has been irregularly made a Royal Arch Mason in a just and legally constituted Royal Arch Chapter.—*West Virginia, 1915.*

NON-AFFILIATE

A Companion by demitting from his Lodge and remaining un-affiliated as a Master Mason one year, loses membership in his Chapter and subsequent affiliation with a Lodge does not restore the Chapter membership.—*Georgia, 1916.*

A Companion who has become a non-affiliated Master Mason can maintain his standing in his Chapter by petitioning some Lodge for membership at least once every twelve months. So long as he does not allow twelve months to elapse from the time he is rejected by a Lodge until he again petitions for membership he remains in good standing in his Chapter.—*Washington, 1915.*

N.P.D.

No Royal Arch Mason in this Jurisdiction of thirty years' good and regular standing shall be subject to discipline for non-payment of dues.—*Connecticut, 1916.*

OFFICERS

All officers in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons assume their seats and take active charge of the duties thereof as soon as they are regularly installed.—*Oregon, 1916.*

OPENING CEREMONIES

A Chapter must be opened and closed in the Royal Arch Degree.—*Alabama, 1915.*

A Chapter can be called from degree to degree, under these conditions:

(a) The Chapter must be opened in form in the highest degree contemplated, and properly purged, and must be closed in that degree.—

(b) The formulae shall be, with appropriate changes in the name of the degree, after those of the Grand Lodge of Utah—and the order transmitted through the Wordens.

(c) The altar to be attended and the Tyler informed for each change.—*Utah, 1916.*

PETITIONS

A petition for the degrees after having been regularly received by the Chapter, becomes the property of the Chapter and cannot be withdrawn by the petitioner, and can only be disposed of by the usual course of balloting.—*Alabama, 1915.*

An application for the degrees cannot be withdrawn.—*Arkansas, 1915.*

The petition of a Brother who has not passed examination as to proficiency in the Master Mason Degree can be received.—*Missouri, 1916.*

The failure of a Committee of Inquiry to report to the Chapter in four months from the time of presentation of the petition, invalidates the petition.—*Pennsylvania*, 1915.

QUALIFICATIONS

A Master Mason in good standing in a Lodge, even though it may be working under dispensation, may apply to a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and if elected, receive the Degrees of Royal Arch Masonry.—*New York*, 1916.

REJECTION

A rejected candidate is not eligible to receive the degrees until after the lapse of twelve months, and then only upon a new application and unanimous ballot.—*Georgia*, 1916.

RESIGNATION

An officer in a Subordinate Chapter, either elective or appointive, cannot resign during his term of office.—*West Virginia*, 1915.

SUMMONS

A summons under Art. 14, Sec. 13, of the Constitution, after a resolution has been offered to change the place of meeting of a Chapter, must be signed by the High Priest and Secretary, and their names must not be stamped or printed thereon.—*Pennsylvania*, 1915.

SUSPENSION

A Brother suspended by his Lodge for N.P.D., is automatically suspended from his Chapter.—*New Hampshire*, 1916.

The suspension of a Royal Arch Mason by his Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues suspends him from his Royal Arch Masonic functions for the period while such craft suspensions continues in force, subject to appeal to Grand Chapter, provided there has been no appeal to Grand Lodge.—*Nova Scotia*, 1915.

Suspension in the Blue Lodge for any cause, automatically suspends the member in the Chapter.—*Oregon*, 1916.

WAIVER

A Chapter waiving jurisdiction may impose as a condition that it receive the fees for the degrees or any part of them, and the Chapter requested to confer the degrees may refuse to do so unless reimbursed for its reasonable expenses, but if the Chapter waives jurisdiction unconditionally it waives the right to the fees. *California*, 1916.

It is the right of a Chapter to waive jurisdiction over any of its material that has not received the Royal Arch Degree to another Chapter, making the request by proper proceedings.—*Illinois*, 1915.

A petitioner who has been elected by a waiver of jurisdiction in a Chapter who still retains his residence within the Jurisdiction of the Chapter granting waiver, but who has never taken advantage of the election, can, without reference to that election, petition the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he resides.—*New York*, 1916.

APPENDIX

Statistical table showing membership of Grand Chapters. Compiled by P.G.H.P. Matthew M. Miller, of the Kansas Committee.

United States Grand Chapters

Jurisdiction	Year	Number Chapters	Last Previous Report	Latest Report	Net Loss	Net Gain
Alabama	1914	67	3,943	4,149	.....	206
Arkansas	1914	84	4,276	4,351	.....	75
Arizona	1915	8	733	763	.....	30
California	1915	110	13,118	13,466	.....	348
Colorado	1915	47	5,327	5,534	.....	207
Connecticut	1915	40	9,331	9,479	.....	148
Delaware	1915	4	1,144	1,169	.....	25
District of Columbia	1915	13	3,604	3,580	24	.....
Florida	1915	35	2,255	2,425	.....	170
Georgia	1915	152	7,684	8,471	.....	777
Idaho	1914†	18	1,185	1,259	.....	74
Illinois	1915	211	39,247	41,244	.....	1,997
Indiana	1915	118	17,469	18,704	.....	1,235
Iowa	1915	128	13,224	14,079	.....	855
Kansas	1916	94	10,144	10,567	.....	423
Kentucky	1915	113	9,610	9,825	.....	219
Louisiana	1915	36	3,568	3,733	.....	165
Maine	1915	63	10,357	10,536	.....	179
Maryland	1915	24	4,021	4,133	.....	112
Massachusetts	1914	82	24,162	24,754	.....	592
Michigan	1915	152	23,264	24,026	.....	762
Minnesota	1915*	74	9,209	9,496	.....	287
Mississippi	1915	75	4,359	4,447	.....	88
Missouri	1915	107	14,103	14,703	.....	600
Montana	1914†	20	1,788	1,940	.....	152
Nebraska	1914	54	4,770	4,939	.....	169
Nevada	1915	10	484	492	.....	8
New Hampshire	1915	26	4,512	4,552	.....	40
New Jersey	1915	39	7,341	7,642	.....	301
New Mexico	1914-15	18	1,081	1,137	.....	56
New York	1915	207	39,398	40,368	.....	970
North Carolina	1915	48	3,406	3,724	.....	318
North Dakota	1914†	22	2,534	2,705	.....	171
Ohio	1915	181	37,184	39,136	.....	1,952
Oklahoma	1915	75	5,200	5,271	.....	71
Oregon	1915	35	3,836	4,052	.....	216
Pennsylvania	1914	138	33,188	34,127	.....	939
Rhode Island	1914	11	4,224	4,388	.....	164
South Carolina	1915	34	3,001	3,170	.....	169
South Dakota	1915	36	3,379	3,570	.....	191
Tennessee	1915	87	5,434	5,685	.....	251
Texas	1914	265	19,160	20,302	.....	1,142
Utah	1915	5	665	694	.....	29
Vermont	1915	30	4,458	4,486	.....	28
Virginia	1914-15	68	7,058	7,341	.....	283
Washington	1915	38	4,378	4,585	.....	207
West Virginia	1914-15	41	6,343	6,777	.....	434
Wisconsin	1915	88	11,110	11,678	.....	568
Wyoming	1915	12	945	950	.....	5
Total U.S. Chapters	.....	3,443	450,224	468,608	24	18,408
Gen'l Grand Chapter fig	.....	10	733	1,047	.....	314
Deduct total net loss	.....	3,453	450,957	469,655	24	18,722
U.S. and General Grand totals	.....	3,453	450,957	469,655	.....	18,698

* Figures 1915 only.

† Figures last year.

Foreign Grand Chapters

Jurisdiction	Year	Number Chapters	Last Previous Report	Latest Report	Net Loss	Net Gain
Alberta	1917	7	747	775		28
Canada	1915	170	18,333	18,880		547
Chile	*					
Cuba	°					
England	1914-15					
Ireland	1914†	221				
New Brunswick	1914	8	852	874		22
New South Wales	1914	22				
New Zealand	1915	35	1,461	1,589		128
Nova Scotia	1914-15	17	1,439	1,515		76
Phillipine Islands	*					
Puerto Rico	*					
Quebec	1915	14	1,606	1,659		53
Queensland						
Scotland	1915-16‡	271	50,000	50,000		
South Australia						
Tasmania						
Victoria	1914-15	20	850	916		66
Western Australia						
Total Foreign Chapters..		785	75,288	76,208		920
Totals U.S. and G.G.C...		3,453	450,957	469,655	24	18,698
Grand Totals.....		4,238	526,245	545,863	24	19,618

No reports—New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia.

* General Grand Chapter Subordinates.

† Figures last report.

‡ Earl Cassillis authority.

CONSOLIDATED STATISTICAL APPENDIX

United States and Foreign Masonic Membership

Prepared by M. E. Matthew M. Miller, Kansas Correspondent.

	Grand Lodge	Grand Chapter	Grand Council	Grand Comd'y
Alabama	27,916	4,149	942	1,808
Arkansas	20,962	4,351	494	1,345
Arizona	2,564	763	*	501
California	53,179	13,466	3,010	7,656
Colorado	17,422	5,534	1,091	3,320
Connecticut	25,378	9,479	6,023	4,171
Delaware	3,541	1,169		
District of Columbia	9,924	3,580		1,613
Florida	12,051	2,425	343	1,315
Georgia	40,458	8,171	953	3,466
Idaho	4,640	1,259		
Illinois	139,271	41,244	9,257	18,779
Indiana	70,014	18,701	9,364	7,981
Iowa	51,785	14,709	2,524	7,387
Kansas	44,052	10,567	2,022	†6,234
Kentucky	42,139	9,829	2,059	5,053
Louisiana	16,885	3,733	616	1,108
Maine	30,884	10,536	4,952	5,621
Maryland	16,464	4,133	1,728	2,232
Massachusetts	67,938	24,754	9,262	
Massachusetts and Rhode Isl				18,385
Michigan	78,857	24,026	8,785	9,309
Minnesota	30,111	9,496	1,651	4,717
Mississippi	20,073	4,447	2,423	2,054
Missouri	63,966	14,703	3,000	7,137
Montana	8,970	1,940	210	
Nebraska	22,305	1,939	1,762	2,828
Nevada	1,939	192		
New Hampshire	10,910	1,552	2,619	2,802
New Jersey	40,569	7,642	1,297	3,506
New Mexico	3,361	1,137		
New York	192,463	40,368	7,075	23,114
North Carolina	23,969	3,724	622	1,799
North Dakota	9,593	2,705		1,614
Ohio	101,185	39,136	18,265	17,897
Oklahoma	27,142	5,271	1,282	2,474
Oregon	14,214	4,052	876	1,899
Pennsylvania	110,620	34,127	6,406	23,695
Phillipine Islands	582			
Porto Rico	1,560			
Rhode Island	9,194	4,338	2,490	†
South Carolina	16,165	3,170	985	1,600
South Dakota	11,163	3,570		1,908
Tennessee	28,081	5,685	1,151	1,906
Texas	63,394	20,302	17,997	6,553
Utah	2,355	691		483
Vermont	14,055	1,486	1,538	2,797
Virginia	24,866	7,341		3,450
Washington	20,724	4,585	1,404	2,497
West Virginia	18,827	6,777		4,080
Wisconsin	30,551	11,678	3,699	5,508
Wyoming	3,316	950		685
United States totals	1,702,935	468,608	140,185	234,320
Subordinate G.G. Chapter		1,047		
Subordinate G.G. Council			1,532	
Subordinate G. Encampment				1,203
Total Membership in U.S.A.	1,702,935	469,655	141,717	235,523

* No returns.

† Figures last report.

‡ See Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Foreign Grand Bodies

	Grand Lodge	Grand Chapter	Grand Council	Grand Comd'y
Alberta	6,672	775		
British Columbia	7,678			
Canada	58,983	18,880		8,049
Chile				
Costa Rica				
Cuba	5,183			
England				
England and Wales			412	† 3,202
Ireland				† 1,250
Manitoba	7,242			
Maritime Provinces			189	
Mexico (York Grand Lodge) ..	1,156			
New Brunswick	3,559	870		
New South Wales	20,477			
New Zealand	13,435	1,589		
Nova Scotia	6,765	1,515		
Peru				
Phillipine Islands				
Prince Edward Island	819			
Puerto Rico				
Quebec	8,152	1,659		
Queensland	2,652			
Salvador, C.A.				
Saskatchewan	6,705			
Scotland		† 50,000		† 1,700
South Australia	5,702			
Tasmania				
Victoria	14,193	916		† 250
Western Australia	4,119			
Foreign totals	173,472	76,208	601	14,451
United States totals	1,702,935	469,655	141,717	235,523
Kansas Consolidated totals ..	1,876,407	545,863	142,318	249,974

† Figures last report.

‡ Earl Cassillis authority.

On motion of M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor, seconded by R. E. Comp. S. E. Cornell, it was

RESOLVED, That the report on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

Grand Scribe's Report

To the most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:—

I herewith submit my report as your Grand Scribe E. for the past year.

The Proceedings of 1916 were printed and distributed as ordered by Grand Chapter.

The by-laws and amendments to by-laws adopted, dispensations granted, and commissions issued and received appointing Grand Representatives have all been reported in the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal's address.

I have completed and issued 210 Royal Arch Mason's Certificates for Companions exalted during the past year, and to replace those issued in 1915.

During the year new charters were issued to the following Chapters, Alberta, No. 1; North Star, No. 2; Mount Horeb, No. 6; Bekah, No. 7; Otuskwan, No. 9; Bow Valley, No. 10; and Calgary, No. 11.

In compliance with orders of Grand Chapter, Charters were issued to the undermentioned Chapters: Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3; Shekinah Chapter, No. 4; Golden West Chapter, No. 5; Keystone Chapter, No. 12; Capital City Chapter, No. 13; Vermilion Chapter, No. 14; Hillvue Chapter, No. 15; Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16; Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17; Norwood Chapter, No. 18.

One Chapter was duly instituted under dispensation viz:—The Hiram Chapter, U.D., Youngstown, Alberta, twelve petitioners: George Campbell, William Helem, James A. Curtis, John A. Anderson, Oliver J. Cowin, Arch. W. Ewers, W. P. Ironside, W. E. Ironside, G. E. Kennedy, Duncan Campbell, Murray Todd, John A. McColl.

There remains one chapter in the province under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada. In the last reports we have received of this Chapter, it had a membership of twenty-four.

Some Scribes E. are not very prompt in forwarding returns to this office. No doubt with a few more letters from the office of the Grand Scribe E. this will be remedied. The Grand Superintendents, on their official visits to the local Chapters, might assist in this matter by directing the attention of the Scribes E. to being prompt in sending in the Annual returns, as well as other reports.

The future prospects of Capitular Masonry in this province are bright. The summonses show many candidates being received. Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, had the honor of heading the list in number of exaltations, with North Star second.

The local Chapters have felt the absence of many Companions who are serving their King and Country. We can indeed feel proud when we realize that this jurisdiction has led all other jurisdictions in the Dominion in the percentage of recruits who have answered the call to arms.

MEMBERSHIP

The year 1916 has been marked by a healthy growth in the membership in this jurisdiction. In our last report we were able to show a membership of 801, and this has been increased 137 this past year by admissions, affiliations, and the membership of The Hiram Chapter under dis-

pensation, making the membership in these Chapters 938. In addition to this the Chapters under the jurisdiction of Canada with a membership of 799 have affiliated with this Grand Chapter, making our total membership 1737.

Membership as reported in last Annual Report 801

Additions

Restored to December 31st, 1916	1
Admitted, to December 31st, 1916	126
Affiliated, to December 31st, 1916.....	19
Petition of The Hiram Chapter	12
Membership of Chapters formerly under the Grand Chapter of Canada	799

957

Deductions

Deaths	8
Resignations	13
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	21
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	936
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	1737

RECEIPTS

Receipts for the year amount to \$1,161.40, all of which has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer as per vouchers. All amounts owing to this Grand Chapter from local Chapters and other sources, with the exception of \$75.35, have been paid.

Monies received between March 1, 1916 and February 28, 1917:

Alberta Chapter, No. 1.....	\$ 101.50
North Star Chapter, No. 2.....	429.95
Golden West Chapter, No. 5.....	13.45
Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.....	45.60
Bekah Chapter, No. 7	46.25
Otuskwaw Chapter, No. 9.....	322.00
Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10	28.25
Calgary Chapter, No. 11.....	49.00
Keystone Chapter, No. 12	11.60
Capital City Chapter, No. 13.....	60.85
Vermilion Chapter, No. 14	14.25
Norwood Chapter, No. 18	1.85
The Hiram Chapter, U.D.	30.85
V. E. Comp. F. R. Jelfs	1.50
V. E. Comp. D. W. McMillan	1.50
E. Comp. G. C. Hayward	1.50
V. E. Comp. T. Irvine	1.50

\$ 1,161.40

The dues for the year were 25 cents per capita.

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Feb. 28, 1917, to receipts\$ 1,161.40

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April 27, 1916, by Grand Treasurer	\$ 12.00
June 21, 1916, by Grand Treasurer	211.85
Nov. 17, 1916, by Grand Treasurer	5.00
Dec. 16, 1916, by Grand Treasurer	331.65
Dec. 22, 1916, by Grand Treasurer	33.00
Dec. 28, 1916, by Grand Treasurer	8.45
Jan. 3, 1917, by Grand Treasurer	41.00
Jan. 18, 1917, by Grand Treasurer	149.25
Jan. 19, 1917, by Grand Treasurer	122.85
Jan. 27, 1917, by Grand Treasurer	30.85
Jan. 27, 1917, by Grand Treasurer	129.20
Feb. 27, 1917, by Grand Treasurer	74.70
Feb. 28, 1917, by Grand Treasurer	11.60
	<hr/> \$ 1,161.40

3rd March, 1917—We have examined the books and vouchers and find them to be correct.

H. H. FLETCHER,
W. E. HALL,
Auditors.

ASSETS

Feb. 28, 1917 cash in bank	\$ 631.13
Feb. 28, 1917, regalia, furniture, books, stock, etc.....	313.50
Feb. 28, 1917, accounts receivable	75.35
	<hr/> \$ 1,019.98

LIABILITIES

Feb. 28, 1917, loan from Alberta Chapter.....	\$ 698.55
Feb. 28, 1917, loan from North Star Chapter.....	522.70
Feb. 28, 1917, loan from Otuskwan Chapter.....	201.33
Feb. 28, 1917, loan from Calgary Chapter.....	52.00
Feb. 28, 1917, law costs of the Grand Chapter of Canada, in their actions against the local Chapters in this Province	563.35
	<hr/> \$ 2,037.93

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Mar. 18, 1916—E. B. Curlette, photo of Grand Z. Watson.....	\$ 3.00
Mar. 28, 1916—J. D. McAra, proceedings	219.19
April 7, 1916—J. D. McAra, proceedings	6.75
April 8, 1916—A. M. Terrill Co., Ltd., wreath.....	15.00
April 25, 1916—Alberta Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F., rent.....	15.00
May 16, 1916—J. D. McAra, stock	29.50
June 20, 1916—Grand Scribe E., postage, phone, telegraph.....	20.00
June 26, 1916—F. E. Osborne, furniture	7.10
July 4, 1916—J. D. McAra, stock	6.00
July 4, 1916—J. E. Johnson, Grand Superintendent's expenses to Youngstown	12.95
July 4, 1916—J. H. Argue, Gd. Lecturer to Youngstown.....	12.95

July 7, 1916—J. H. Argue, Gd. Lecturer to Hillcrest.....	11.50
July 7, 1916—V. A. Bowes, Grand Registrar to Hillcrest.....	11.50
Oct. 3, 1916—J. D. McAra, circulars and notices.....	7.75
Oct. 3, 1916—Grand Scribe E., Edmonton, expenses, postage....	22.05
Oct. 3, 1916—H. T. Smith, books	23.60
Oct. 3, 1916—David Elston, charter	5.00
Dec. 15, 1916—Western Ptg. and Litho. Co. stone and certificates	125.00
Dec. 15, 1916—J. D. McAra, stock	60.00
Dec. 15, 1916—J. H. Routledge, charters	75.00
Feb. 1, 1917—J. H. Routledge, charters	15.00
Feb. 23, 1917—Osborne Stationery Co., supplies.....	5.55
Feb. 23, 1917—Grand Scribe E., express, postage, phone, etc....	15.20
Feb. 23, 1917—J. D. McAra, stock	1.93

\$ 726.52

March 3, 1917—Checked and found correct.

H. H. FLETCHER,
W. E. HALL,

Auditors.

INVENTORY OF STOCK, FURNITURE, Etc.

February 28, 1917

Cabinet	\$ 25.00
Press	7.75
Order on Treasurer, forms	5.75
Register of Certificates, forms	6.00
Regalia	70.00
Envelopes	3.00
Foreign Commission, forms	15.00
Stone	68.00
Blank certificates	40.00
Mailing tubes	1.50
Return of members, forms	25.00
Forms of receipt, proxy, etc.	17.00
Cuts	4.00
Dispensation forms	5.00
Books	20.00
Postage stamps .....	.50
Estimated	\$ 313.50

LEDGER ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING

February 28, 1917

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3	\$ 1.00
Bekah Chapter, No. 7	6.15
Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10	1.50
Capital City Chapter, No. 13.....	.15
Vermilion Chapter, No. 14.....	4.00
Hillvue Chapter, No. 15	15.75
Norwood Chapter, No. 18	17.65
The Hiram Chapter, No. 19.....	29.15
	<hr/> \$ 75.35

March 3, 1917—Audited and found correct.

W. E. HALL,
H. H. FLETCHER,

Auditors.

Melvin M. Downey.

Grand Scribe E.

Report of the Grand Treasurer

Receipts from March 1, 1916, to February 28, 1917

March 1, 1916—To balance brought forward	\$ 196.25
April 27, 1916—To Grand Scribe E.	12.00
June 21, 1916—“ “ “	211.85
Nov. 17, 1916—“ “ “	5.00
Dec. 16, 1916—“ “ “	331.65
Dec. 22, 1916—“ “ “	33.00
Dec. 28, 1916—“ “ “	8.45
Jan. 3, 1917—“ “ “	41.00
Jan. 18, 1917—“ “ “	149.25
Jan. 19, 1917—“ “ “	122.85
Jan. 27, 1917—“ “ “	30.85
Jan. 27, 1917—“ “ “	129.20
Feb. 27, 1917—“ “ “	74.70
Feb. 28, 1917—“ “ “	11.60
	\$ 1,357.65

DISBURSEMENTS

Mar. 18, 1916 By E. B. Curlette, photo of Grand Z. Watson.....	\$ 3.00
Mar. 28, 1916—J. D. McAra, proceedings	219.19
April 7, 1916—J. D. McAra, proceedings	6.75
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Feb. 23, 1917—J. D. McAra, stock	1.93
	\$ 726.52

Feb. 28, 1917—Excess of Receipts over disbursements.....\$ 631.13
Balance on hand as shown, \$631.13.....\$1,357.65

A. W. R. MARKLEY,
Treasurer.

March 3, 1917—Audited and found correct.

H. H. FLETCHER,
W. E. HALL,

Auditors.

Report of Committee on Warrants

To the M. Ex. Grand Z., Officers and Members, Grand Chapter
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

We your Committee on Warrants having considered the Report of the Grand Superintendent District No. 2 recommend that a warrant numbered 19 be granted to The Hiram Chapter located at Youngstown, Alberta.

On motion of R. E. Comp. S. E. Cornell, seconded by R. E. Comp. R. Patterson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GREIVANCES AND APPEALS

To the M. Ex. Grand First Principal and Officers
of Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee on Greivances and Appeals are pleased to report that no matters under this head have come before them during the past year.

J. H. ARGUE,
T. F. ENGLISH,
J. N. RANKIN,

Committee

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, seconded by R. E. Comp. S. E. Cornell, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Greivances and Appeals be received and adopted.

AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report: That we have examined the books, records and vouchers of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer and find they have been carefully and correctly kept.

Your Committee herewith submit the report of the Auditors V. E. Companion H. H. Fletcher and Companion W. E. Hall and are pleased to report that the finances of Grand Chapter are quite satisfactory.

Your Committee recommend that the Grand Scribe E. be granted an honorarium of Four hundred Dollars as a small token of his valuable services since the inception of this Grand Chapter.

We also recommend that a salary of Three Hundred Dollars a year be paid to the Grand Scribe E. The said amount to be paid in semi-annual payments.

We also recommend that eight hundred copies of the proceedings of this convocation be printed and that the tender of J. D. McAra for the printing of same be accepted, also that the tender of the said J. D. McAra be accepted for the printing of 2,000 copies of the Book of Constitution.

Respectfully recommended,

J. E. JOHNSON,
Chairman

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. E. Johnson, seconded by R. E. Comp. S. E. Cornell, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Condition of Capitular Masonry

Your Committee has carefully read the reports of the Grand Superintendents, and the Grand Scribe Ezra, all are satisfactory, indicating as they do that these officers have been more than faithful in the discharge of their duties and have set such a high standard of efficiency that it will try the metal of their successors to equal. This is as it should be.

Chapters

There were on our register last year 7 Chapters; there now are 18 Chapters which include all Royal Arch Chapters located within the Province of Alberta except Kether Chapter located at Pincher Creek, which so far, has declined to become of obedience to this Grand Chapter. Let us hope that better councils will prevail and that by the end of the ensuing year they will have cast in their lot with Alberta, thus making us a united and happy family.

Numerical Growth

The increase in membership is satisfactory as will be seen by the following:

Membership at end of last year 801

Additions

Affiliations during present year	19
Admitted during present year	126
Restorations during present year	1
Petitions for The Hiram Chapter.....	12
Membership of Chapters formerly under Grand Chapter	
of Canada	799

957

Deductions

Deaths	8		
Resignations	13	21	936

Present Membership 1737

This increase of over one hundred per cent. in our membership has been brought about largely by several Chapters transferring their allegiance from the Grand Chapter of Canada to this Grand Chapter, but aside from that the increase of 126 newly admitted Companions is gratifying, especially under the adverse conditions created by the Great War.

Material

The Grand Superintendents do not comment upon the quality, as seen by them, of material accepted by Chapters, although this is the most important function exercised by a Chapter, effecting as it does for good or ill the whole Fraternity.

If a Chapter desires to have permanent active members it can attain that object only by a judicious selection of material; it would be well to ascertain what kind of a Craft Mason a candidate is before accepting him, if he be careless in his duties or an absentee in the Blue, it is no more than fair to assume that he will be the same in the Royal Arch. There are also candidates who seek the Royal Arch simply as a stepping stone to something else, such "Ships that pass in the night" should not be encouraged, but, on the other hand, no effort should be spared to secure the admission of good Master Masons, that they may round off their masonic education by receiving the completion of the Master's Degree and thus add strength to the Royal Craft.

Financial

The present financial situation of this Grand Chapter is not just up to "High water mark," showing as it does a deficit of one thousand and seventeen dollars. This position has been brought about by the adverse conditions under which we have laboured during the past two years. A change has now come over the scene and your Committee would venture to suggest that the indebtedness be met and wiped off by a special assessment per capita on each Chapter.

The ordinary expenses of Grand Chapter are quite satisfactory and indicate that the affairs of the Grand Chapter have been carefully and economically administered.

Secretarial

The Grand Superintendents comment favourably on the work of the Scribes E., whose books are neatly kept, correspondence promptly answered and no trouble over money matters.

This is as it should be, as it expedites the handling of Grand Chapter business. Prompt and energetic Scribes E. are the delight of the Grand Scribe E., while slothful and careless Scribes E. are the bane of his life, as they add greatly to his already onerous duties.

Insurance

The Grand Superintendents do not state whether or not the different Chapters carry insurance on their furniture and paraphernalia. This is an important matter and your Committee recommends that same be brought to the attention of each Chapter, and the First Principal thereof make it his business to see that his Chapter's effects are adequately insured.

Benevolence

No mention is made by the Grand Scribe E. or the Grand Superintendents of this important matter. We assume there were no calls, but having in mind the distress caused by the war, the thought occurred to your Committee

Are the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta doing their full duty in this regard.

Work

The Royal Arch work is exquisite when properly rendered and it is pleasing to note that the work is reported as being well and intelligently presented in all Chapters. May this condition continue to prevail and may the First Principals, year after year, make themselves word perfect and efficient in this all important branch of their duties, and thus, by example, induce their officers and members generally to become proficient.

Chapters of Instruction

Your Committee congratulates Grand Chapter upon the number of Chapters of Instruction that were held during the past year, and upon the energy displayed by the Grand Superintendents in bringing them about, who speak enthusiastically of the benefit to their districts. The attendance was large, the work was instructive, the hospitality unbounded and the gathering together of the leading spirits of Chapters must have engendered that healthy spirit of rivalry which tends to produce that excellence of work so much desired by Grand Chapter.

Let us hope that future Grand Superintendents follow the good example set by the 1916 officers.

From the foregoing it will be seen that, speaking generally, the condition of the Royal Craft in this Grand Jurisdiction is satisfactory, well officered, its business and financial affairs efficiently and honestly conducted with all Chapters (except one) located in the Province, loyal to this Grand Chapter, bespeaks a bright future.

Conclusion

Your Committee cannot agree with all the recommendations made by the Grand Superintendent of District No. 1.

We do not agree with Nos. 1 and 2 but their nature precludes a discussion of them in this report.

No. 3. No dual membership. We can agree with this as it tends to inflate the membership roll, but at the same time we can see no real danger in allowing the practice.

No. 4. Book of Marks. We agree with this and would suggest that Grand Superintendents be required to see that Chapters include such a book in their equipment, and that proper records are entered therein.

No. 5. Chapters of Instruction. We heartily agree with this and have commented thereon earlier in this document.

No. 6. A general Grand Chapter for the Dominion of Canada. We cannot agree with this because present conditions do not warrant or demand the services of such a body. In the dim and distant future, when each province has its own Grand Chapter, there may be some excuse for the formation of a General Grand Chapter, but at the present we fail to see what good turn could be served by this Grand Chapter going on record as being in favour of the formation of such a Body.

Fraternally submitted,

T. F. ENGLISH,

For Committee.

On motion of R. E. Comp. T. F. English, seconded by R. E. Comp. Dickson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Condition of Capitulat Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence begs to report that no business has come before your Committee for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

E. D. H. WILKINS,

Chairman

On motion of R. E. Comp. E. D. H. Wilkins, seconded by E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

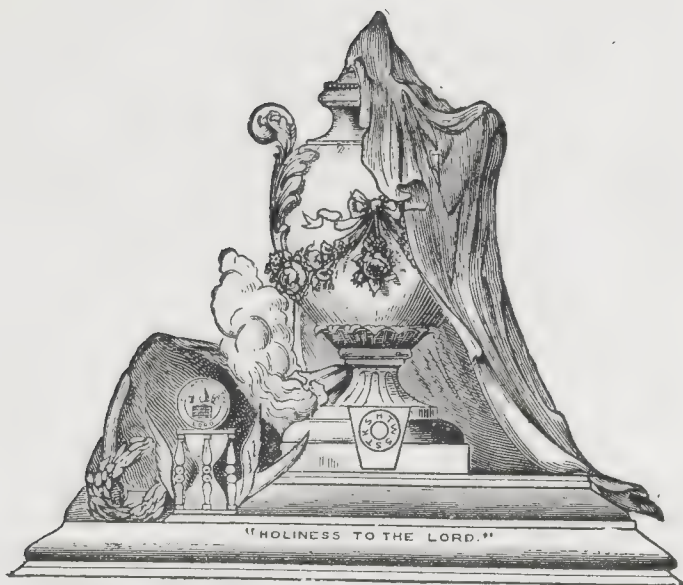
The past year, like those which preceded it, contributed additions to the long list of departed, on which are inscribed the names of many companions who were eminent and zealous in labour in the field of Capitular Masonry, who have been summoned by the call of death. Our sympathy goes out in full measure at this time to every home where sorrow has entered; to other Grand Jurisdictions, to our own Chapters, and to the loved ones of those whose memories we cherish.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta has been particularly blessed in the fact that no member of its official family has passed to the beyond during the year since we last met. We rejoice that those who have served in official capacity have been permitted to return to us and again meet in our Annual Convocation.

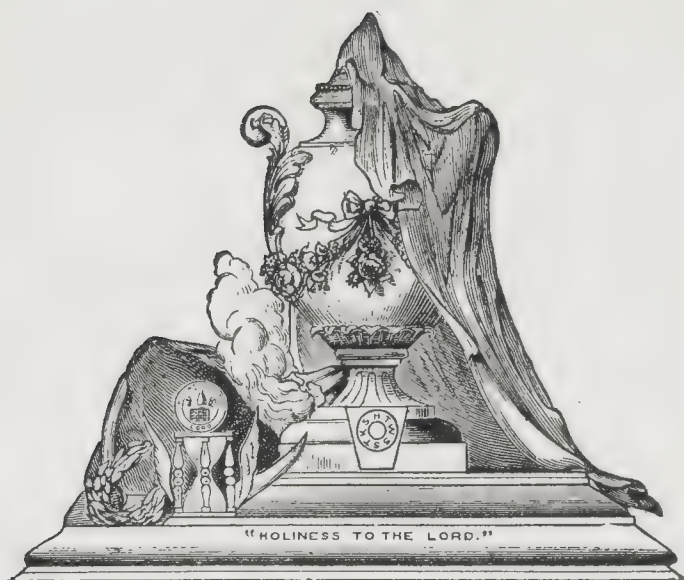
From In Memoriums and Reports received since our last Annual Convocation we submit the following list of Companions who have passed away during the year.

- Alabama—Philip McRae, G.R.A.C., July 10, 1915.
- Arizona—Francis Ashbury Shaw, P.G.H.P., April 10, 1915.
- Martin William Kales, P.G.H.P., July 14, 1915.
- California—William A. Davies, P.G.H.P., June 20, 1916.
- William A. January, P.G.H.P., March 27, 1916.
- George Hays Munro, P.G.H.P., June 7, 1916.
- Samuel Hopkins Wagener, P.G.H.P., May 15, 1916.
- Colorado—Christopher C. Gird, P.G.H.P., October 12, 1916.
- William Wallace Roler, P.G.H.P., February 8, 1916.
- Delaware—Virginius V. Harrison, P.G.H.P., Dec. 28, 1915.
- Indiana—Daniel McDonald, P.G.H.P., January 9, 1916.
- Iowa—George W. Ball, P.G.H.P., July 18, 1915.
- William Fiske Cleveland, P.G.H.P., February 19, 1916.
- Clinton Sollace Fletcher, P.G.H.P., December 20, 1915.
- Alfred Wingate, Past Gd. Sec., June 13, 1916.
- Kentucky—Henry S. Adams, G.M. of 3rd V., June 24, 1916.
- Louisiana—Richard Lambert, P.G.H.P., December 6, 1915.
- Nebraska—John Bell Dinsmore, P.G.H.P., October 6, 1915.
- George S. Powell, P.G.H.P., December 20, 1915.
- New York—J. Harrison Balston, P.G.H.P., November 16, 1915.
- Ohio—George D. McBride, P.G.H.P., March 17, 1916.
- Vermont—Marsh Olin Perkins, P.G.H.P., February 10, 1916.
- Kittredge Haskins, P.G.H.P., August 7, 1916.

This list of illustrious dead causes us to pause at least a brief moment in the great rush of life, and looking up to the Grand Architect of the Universe, say: "Lord make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is: that I may know how frail I am."



In Memory of the
Deceased Companions
of Sister Jurisdictions for the Year
1916



In Memory of the
Companions
of our own Jurisdiction for the Year
1916

Three of our local Chapters mourn the loss of departed Companions:

Allan De Vere Connors, Alberta Chapter, on active service.

Charles A. Bateman, Alberta Chapter, on active service.

John B. H. Ritchie, Alberta Chapter, on active service.

Howard M. Splane, Alberta Chapter, on active service.

Ernest Russell Welbourne, N. Star Chapter, on active service.

Julius George Valpey, North Star Chapter, June 7, 1916.

Charles W. Smith, North Star Chapter, September 13, 1916.

H. E. Graham, Keystone Chapter, on active service.

"The friends who leave us do not feel the sorrow
Of parting as we feel it, who must stay,
Lamenting day by day
And knowing, when we wake upon the morrow,
We shall not find in its accustomed place
The one loved face."

We respectfully recommend that memorial pages be dedicated to our departed Companions and to those of Sister Jurisdictions.

Fraternally submitted,

J. N. RANKIN,

Chairman.

On motion of M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, seconded by R. E. Comp. A. R. Dickson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND Z.'s ADDRESS

Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Alberta.

Your Committee beg to report that it has read with much satisfaction the address presented to Grand Chapter by the Most Excellent Grand Z.

Your Committee concurs in the expressions of the Grand Z. relating to the war, and fully joins in the hope that the terrible conflict of nations now proceeding will come to an early and decisive settlement, and your Committee joins with him in expressions of sympathy with the relatives and friends of Companions and others who have made the grand sacrifice.

It is gratifying to know that the Most Excellent the Grand Z. has been able to visit all of the original Chapters composing the Grand Chapter of Alberta and most of those belonging to Canada which have affiliated with this Grand Chapter.

The action of Grand Superintendents in holding Chapters of Instruction is to be highly commended, and it is to be hoped that their successors will continue the good work.

Your Committee commends the discretion used by the Grand Z. in issuing dispensations to new Chapters.

Your Committee congratulates this Grand Chapter on the amicable settlement of the difficulties which at one time existed between the Grand Chapter of Canada and ourselves, this being brought about by the tact displayed by the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Canada and the Grand Z. of our own Grand Chapter.

Your Committee recommends that this Grand Chapter emphasize its exclusive jurisdiction over that territory included within the boundaries of the Province of Alberta and recommend that this statement be re-

garded as a protest against any invasion of this Grand Chapter's jurisdiction.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendations of the Grand Z. regarding the examination in proficiency of candidates for advancement, and also his recommendation with regard to the work and would recommend that steps be taken at once to secure from the Grand Chapter of Canada at least 100 copies of the Work as adopted by this Grand Chapter on May 29th, 1914.

In conclusion your Committee desires to express its gratitude to the Grand Architect of the Universe for having given to this Grand Chapter the services of so faithful and zealous a Grand Z.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. DARLING, Chairman.

On motion of R. E. Comp. H. Darling, seconded by R. E. Comp. S. E. Cornell, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Grand Z's Address be received and adopted.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. H. Argue, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the matter of the jurisdiction of brethren in the Parkland district who made application to Bekah Chapter be referred to the Committee on Greivances and Appeals for the incoming year, the committee to report on this matter at the next Annual Convocation.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with. The Most Excellent the Grand Z. appointed as scrutineers, M. E. Comp. Rankin, R. E. Comp. T. C. Bruce, and E. Comp. G. D. Stanley. The results of the elections were declared as follows:

M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson, M.L.A.....	Grand Z.
R. E. Comp. Andrew R. Dickson	Grand H.
R. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey	Grand J.
R. E. Comp. John E. Johnson	Grand Scribe E.
R. E. Comp. George D. Stanley, M.L.A.	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Comp. Norman T. MacLeod	Grand Principal Sojourner
R. E. Comp. Arthur W. R. Markley	Grand Treasurer.
R. E. Comp. Ernest W. R. Wilkins	Grand Registrar.
Comp. Thomas Baird	Janitor.

Grand Superintendents

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labour, the following nominations were submitted to the M. E. the Grand Z., who was pleased to approve in each case and the selections were confirmed.

R. E. Comp. Daniel R. Cameron, Edmonton District No. 1.
R. E. Comp. W. E. Lord, Red Deer, Calgary District No 2
R. E. Comp. Charles W. Cook, Lethbridge, Macleod District No. 3.

Executive Committee

R. E. Comps. Joseph H. Argue, S. E. Cornell, H. C. Taylor and E. Comp. George Hayward.

Place of Meeting

A number of cities of the province having been put in nomination for the next Annual Convocation on 13th of March, 1918, and being put to the ballot, the result showed that High River had received the greater number of votes and that city was declared to be the choice of Grand Chapter.

Officers Installed

M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor assisted by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, who were then proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

Votes of Thanks

On motion of V. E. Comp. W. A. Coote, seconded by V. E. Comp. F. S. Selwood, it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to North Star Chapter No 2, Capital City Chapter No 13, and Norwood Chapter No 18 for the splendid hospitality extended to this Grand Chapter.

On motion of R. E. Comp. M. M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to Patricia Lodge No. 42, A.F. & A.M. for the use of the Lodge Room.

Constitution

On motion of E. Comp. M. B. Peacock, seconded by V. E. Comp. W. A. Coote, it was

RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter adopt as its Constitution the draft Constitution as formulated by the Special Committee on Constitution with such variations and amendments as the Executive Committee shall deem necessary and suitable for this Grand Chapter, and when finally approved by the Executive Committee, the Constitution be printed and distributed.

Appointments to Office

The following appointments by the M.E. the Grand Z. were subsequently announced:

Executive Committee

R. E. Comps. T. F. English, T. C. Bruce, H. Darling and V. E. Comp. Wm. Thompson.

Assistant Officers

V. E. Comp. Geo. W. Elliott	Grand Senior Sojourner
V. E. Comp. David McIntosh	Grand Junior Sojourner
R. E. Comp. Joseph H. Argue	Grand Lecturer
V. E. Comp. W. F. W. Lent	Grand Sword Bearer
V. E. Comp. William H. Coote	Grand Master First Veil
V. E. Comp. J. A. R. Powell	Grand Master Second Veil
V. E. Comp. Thomas Burnett	Grand Master Third Veil
V. E. Comp. John A. MacDonald	Grand Master Fourth Veil
V. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood	Grand Director of Ceremonies
Comp. Dr. J. E. Hodgson	Grand Organist
V. E. Comp. Joseph Longdon	Grand Pursuivant
V. E. Comp. S. M. Fraser	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. George E. Hayward	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. J. A. Neff	Grand Steward
V. E. Comp. William Thompson	Grand Steward

The labours of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 9.30 o'clock p.m.

J. E. JOHNSON,
Grand Scribe E.

LIST OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE ENLISTED FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE

ALBERTA CHAPTER NO. 1

Armstrong, W. C. G., Lt.-Col.	Manson, J. R.
Armstrong, John M.	Medley, Clarence
Auger, A. R., A.S.C.	Moore, P. A.
Birch, J. H. (M.D.) A.M.C.	Morley, H. F.
Bowes, V. A., Lt. 191st Batt.	Moxam, Jno.
Catherine, A. H.	MacLeod, M. S.
Crowther, Theo. P.	Niblock, D. B.
Cooper, F. B.	O'Sullivan, R. B.
Connors, A. D. (Killed in action)	Peacock, J. R.
Davis, Geo. J.	Pearson, Robt. (Rev.)
Darbey, R. S.	Piper, W. W.
Darley, R. B.	Ritchie, J. B. H. (Killed in action)
Duff, James	Roach, H. R.
Duff, S. M.	Stewart, Reg.
Farren, Edgar	Splane, H. M. (Killed in action)
Gray, Samuel	Thom, E. C. (Killed in action)
Heeney, Thos.	Walker, Jas., Lt.-Col.
Johnson, Geo. R. (M.D.)	Waddy, Jno. W.
Lougheed, Clarence	Bateman, C. A. (Killed in action)
Macdonald, Geo. (M.D.)	Seaton, W. F.

NORTH STAR CHAPTER NO. 2.

Bateman, E. W., 194th Batt.	McLeod, Geo. B., Lt.-Col. 63rd Batt.
Brown, W. H., A.M.C.	Norcott, J.
Benson, L. R.	Osborne, F. A., Lt.-Col.
Cook, J.	Tipton, J. W.
Evans, E.	Powley, A. B., Lt.-Col.
Inglis, W. C.	Hinson, A.
Jamieson, A. E.	Stowe, W. A.
Munroe, A. R. (M.D.)	Nelson, T. W.

ASSINIBOIA CHAPTER NO. 3.

Baker, Herbertt, Capt.	Beeton, Oswald, Pte.
Bruce, James, Capt.	Grace, Laurance T., Pte
Gleaves, Arthur W., Lieut.	Peard, John L., Sgt.
Ireland, Henry W., Capt.	Robson, Norman L., Pte.
Kerr, Charles, Capt., A.M.C.	Simmonds, William R., Pte.
Krauss, Charles A., Capt.	(Prisoner in Germany)
Macdonald, William H., Capt.	Stone, Percy D., Pte.
C.A.M.C.	Wilson, James D., Pte.
Nicholson, Alfred J., Lieut.	Ware, Deighton R., Pte.
Williams, William H., Capt.	

SHEKINAH CHAPTER NO. 4.

Kemmis, A. C., Lt.-Col.	McKenzie, E. C., Capt.
Gibson, C., Capt.	McKillop, Donald
Lilburn, H. K.	Bliss, A. J.
Scott, Wm.	Bailey, Wm.
Lindsay, R.	Cherry, H. T., Major
Fairbrother, R.	Leech, G. W. (M.D.)
Moorhead, H.	McNally, Alfred (M.D.)
Bell, Jos	Rothwell, J. T.
Smith, W. H.	

GOLDEN WEST CHAPTER NO. 5.

Green, R. L., Lance Corp.	Holmes, W. E. M., Pte.
White, A. W., Sgt.	Carson, G. McM., Capt.
Ramsay, T. W., Pte.	Francis, A., Pte.

BOW VALLEY CHAPTER NO. 10.

Anderson, C. E., Brooks, Alta.	Spurr, A. H., Gleichen, Alta.
Coates, W. H., Cluny, Alta.	Tennant, A. K., Gleichen Alta.
Denley, W. E., Edmonton, Alta.	Smith, Edward, Strathmore, Alta.
Dawson, S. R., Edmonton, Alta.	Woods, Henry, Strathmore, Alta.
McKelvie, Robert, Bassano, Alta.	

CALGARY CHAPTER NO. 11.

Bowes, V. A., Lieut.	Macdonald, A. F., Lieut.
Davis, G. J.	Notley, Geo., Pte.
Ellis, L. M.	Philps, E. T. H., Pte.
Johnston, H. H. (M.D.)	Purnell, G. E., Pte.
Leng, E. L., Pte.	Young, Wm.

KEYSTONE CHAPTER NO. 12.

Botterill, W. J.	Snell, H. J.
Gibson, A. R.	McGregor, J. G.
Hyde, W. J.	Shields, W. A.
Mann, J. I.	McKenzie, W. J. (M.D.)
Sanders, C. W. (M.D.)	

NORWOOD CHAPTER NO. 18.

Cope, E. H., Capt.	Harvey, (M.D.)
Hill, Walter, 138th Batt.	Aldridge, A. G. (Returned
Kenedy, W. V. (Wounded)	discharged)

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

GRAND OFFICERS	1914	1915	1916	1917
Grand Z.	S. Y. Taylor	J. N. Rankin	F. S. Watson	Robert Patterson
Grand H.	F. S. Watson	F. S. Watson	R. Patterson	A. R. Dickson
Grand J.	T. C. Bruce	T. C. Bruce	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey
Grand Scribe E.	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N.	A. R. Yates	A. R. Dickson	E. D. H. Wilkins	Geo. D. Stanley
Grand Prin. Sojourner	E. D. H. Wilkins	E. D. H. Wilkins	A. R. Yates	N. T. MacLeod
Grand Treasurer	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley
Grand Registrar	A. West	A. West	V. A. Bowes	E. D. H. Wilkins
Grand Senior Sojourner	T. Rankine	D. W. McMillan	W. A. Mahaffy	Geo. W. Elliott
Grand Junior Sojourner	A. H. Spurr	W. A. Mahaffy	D. L. Murison	David McIntosh
Grand Lecturer	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue
Grand Sword Bearer	G. B. McLeod	G. B. McLeod	G. D. Wallace	W. F. W. Lent
Grand Master 1st Veil	H. I. Millar	H. G. Hoare	A. N. Lindsay	William H. Coote
Grand Master 2nd Veil	G. T. Bragg	T. H. Irvine	D. McKenzie	R. Powell
Grand Master 3rd Veil	C. E. Macdonald	D. G. Campbell	R. C. MacDonald	Thos. Burnett
Grand Master 4th Veil	W. F. Lord	James Walker	E. E. Farley	J. A. MacDonald
Grand D. of Ceremonies	J. M. Empey	A. R. Yates	James Walker	F. S. Selwood
Grand Organist	G. J. Davis	F. B. Cooper	Peter Walker	J. E. Hodgson
Grand Pursuivant	E. E. Farley	F. E. Farley	H. H. Fletcher	Joseph Longdon
Grand Steward	Geo. McManus	F. R. Jelfs	W. E. Mercer	S. M. Fraser
Grand Steward	W. A. Mahaffy	Gaits Allen	D. W. McMillan	G. E. Hayward
Grand Steward	G. L. Chesney	D. L. Murison	Gaits Allen	J. A. Neff
Grand Steward	I. S. Lambert	G. J. Davis	G. J. Davis	William Thompson
Grand Janitor	Harvey Brock	R. C. Bruce	J. L. Johnson	Thos. Baird

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS

Grand Chapters	Annual Convocation	Grand Secretaries	Address
Alabama	December	Geo. A. Beauchamp.....	Montgomery
Arizona	November	Geo. J. Roskruege.....	Tucson
Arkansas	November	John C. Bone	Batesville
California	April	Thomas A. Davies.....	San Francisco
Canada	February	Henry T. Smith.....	Toronto
Colorado	September	Chas. H. Jacobson.....	Denver
Connecticut	May	James McCormick.....	Hartford
Delaware	January	Stuart J. Horn.....	Wilmington
Dis. Columbia	February	Arvine W. Johnston.....	Washington
England	May	Edward Letchworth.....	London, W.C.†
Florida	May	Wilber P. Webster.....	Jacksonville
Georgia	April	T. J. Carling.....	Macon
Idaho	June	Lewis W. Ensign.....	Boise
Illinois	October	Geo. W. Warvelle.....	Chicago
Indiana	October	Calvin W. Prather.....	Indianapolis
Iowa	July	O. F. Graves.....	Harlan
Kansas	February	Albert K. Wilson.....	Topeka
Kentucky	October	Howard R. French.....	Mt. Sterling
Louisiana	February	John A. Davillay.....	New Orleans
Maine	May	Stephen Berry	Portland
Maryland	November	John H. Miller.....	Baltimore
Massachusetts	December	J. Gilman Waite.....	Boston
Michigan	January	Chas. A. Conover.....	Coldwater
Minnesota	October	John Fiskel	St. Paul
Mississippi	February	Frederick G. Speed.....	Vicksburg
Missouri	April	Robert F. Stevenson.....	St. Louis
Montana	September	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena
Nebraska	December	Francis E. White.....	Omaha
Nevada	June	Edward D. Vanderlieth.....	Carson City
New Brunswick	August	J. Twining Hartt.....	St. John
New Hampshire	May	Harry M. Cheney.....	Concord
New Jersey	May	Peter McGill	Bound Brook
New Mexico	October	Alpheus A. Keen.....	Albuquerque
N. S. Wales	November	Alf. J. Burbidge.....	Sydney†
New York	February	Chas. C. Hunt	New York City
New Zealand	February	Herbert J. Williams.....	Wellington
North Carolina	June	John B. Griggs.....	Elizabeth City
North Dakota	June	Walter L. Stockwell.....	Fargo
Nova Scotia	June	S. J. Waddell.....	Truro
Ohio	October	Edwin Hagenbuch	Urbana
Oklahoma	April	Leo E. Bennett.....	Muskogee
Oregon	June	James F. Robinson.....	Portland
Pennsylvania	December	Geo. B. Wells.....	Philadelphia
Quebec	March	Will H. Whyte.....	Montreal
Rhode Island	March	William R. Greene.....	Providence
Scotland	March	Alfred A. A. Murray.....	Edinburgh
South Carolina	February	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	June	George A. Pettigrew.....	Sioux Falls
Tennessee	January	Stith M. Cain.....	Nashville
Texas	December	T. M. Bartley.....	Waco
Utah	May	Walter Daniels	Salt Lake City
Vermont	June	Henry H. Ross.....	Burlington
Victoria	October	G. Lyell Marquand	Melbourne
Virginia	November	James B. Blanks.....	Petersburg
Washington	June	Yancey C. Blalock.....	Walla Walla
West Australia	October	Jno. C. Strickland.....	Perth
West Virginia	November	D. K. Reed	Clarksburg
Wisconsin	February	Wm. W. Perry.....	Milwaukee
Wyoming	March	A. J. Parshall.....	Cheyenne
G.G. Chapter of U.S.A. ....	.....	Charles A. Conover.....	Coldwater, Mich.

† Freemason's Hall, Great Queen St.

‡ 30 Castlereagh St.

Chapter Returns to December 31st, 1916

NO.	NAME OF CHAPTER	WHERE HELD	REGULAR CONVOCACTION	FIRST PRIN. Z	SCRIBE E.	Mem p Dec. 31, 15	Admis- sions	Joinings	Restor- ations	With- drawls	Suspen- sions	Deaths	Mem p Dec. 31, 16	Increase	Decrease
1	Alberta	Calgary	1st Wednesday ..	F. S. Schwed ..	J. N. Rankin.	277	14	2	...	1	...	5	287	10	...
2	North Star ..	Edmonton ..	2nd Tuesday ..	J. A. R. Powell ..	L. H. Reilly	210	27	11	...	5	...	3	240	30	...
3	Assiniboia ..	Med. Hat	3rd Thursday ..	Jesse Elliott	R. M. Napier .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	140	...
4	Shekinah	Lethbridge ..	4th Wednesday ..	D. A. Taylor	W. D. King .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	107	107	...
5	Golden West ..	High River ..	Mon. o. or b.f.m. ..	J. F. Casteel	P. G. Thomas. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89	89	...
6	Mount Horeb ..	Wetaskiwin ..	4th Thursday ..	G. D. Wallace	E. D. H. Wilkins. .	73	10	...	...	4	...	...	79	6	...
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Tuesday	S. M. Fraser	F. Morris	56	7	...	...	...	...	...	63	7	...
9	Otuskwaw	Calgary	3rd Thursday ..	W. F. W. Lent ..	R. C. Bruce.	57	45	2	...	...	...	...	104	47	...
10	Bow Valley ..	Gleichen	3rd Wednesday ..	J. A. Macdonald. .	A. G. G. Hamar. .	55	5	...	1	2	...	...	59	4	...
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Wednesday ..	J. A. Longdon ..	G. R. Wentzel. .	73	7	3	...	1	...	...	82	9	...
12	Keystone	Red Deer	3rd Friday	W. T. Coote	G. A. Best. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	79	79	...
13	Capital City ..	Edmonton ..	2nd Friday	H. G. Jamieson ..	C. J. Lakey .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	193	193	...
14	Vermillion	vermillion ..	Tuesday a.f.m.	Wm. A. Fallow ..	A. Yungblut .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	55	55	...
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	Wed. o. or b.f.m. ..	J. D. McDonald ..	C. W. Johnstone. .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	23	...
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm ..	2nd Tuesday	H. O. Haslam	W. T. Cochrane. .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	27	...
17	Mount Olivet. .	Killam	1st Wednesday ..	Alex. M. McKee. .	James Oakes .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	23	...
18	Norwood	Edmonton ..	1st Wednesday ..	W. C. Whiteley. .	W. E. Oliver .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	63	...
un	The Hiram ...	Youngstown ..	Wednesday a.f.m. .	Geo. Campbell ..	J. Beamish .....	...	11	1	...	...	...	...	24	24	...
Eighteen Chapters .....															...
Total						801	126	19	1	13	...	...	8,173	1,036	...

Representatives

Of Other Grand Jurisdictions Near the Grand Chapters of Alberta

Alabama	Albert R. Yates	Gleichen
Arizona	Peter J. Dewie	Medicine Hat
Colorado	Dr. T. C. Bruce	Macleod
Delaware	George E. Hayward	Vermillion
Florida	Stephen Y. Taylor	Calgary
Indiana	W. E. Lord	Red Deer
Iowa	James N. Rankin	Calgary
Kentucky	Dr. George D. Stanley	High River
Louisiana	John E. Johnson	Calgary
Nebraska	Robert Patterson	Macleod
New York	Joseph H. Argue	Calgary
Ohio	Dr. Hiram Darling	Edmonton
Scotland	E. D. H. Wilkins	Wetaskiwin
Vermont	Melvin M. Downey	Calgary
West Virginia	William Thompson	Edmonton

Of the Grand Chapter of Alberta Near Other Grand Chapters

Alabama	Myron T. Sprague	Mobile
Delaware	John W. Macklem	
Florida	James M. Wilson	Kissamee
Indiana	Robert M. H. Britton	Terre Haute
Iowa	Alberta O. Wakefield	Sioux City
Kentucky	Samuel K. Veach	Carlisle
Louisiana	Leon S. Haas	Opelomsas
Nebraska	Frank N. Stephenson	Columbus
New York	Charles F. Sherman	Mount Vernon
Ohio	Irving Stafford	Cleveland
Scotland	William MacVey	Portobello
Vermont	Howard H. Shufeltt	Burlington
West Virginia	Dr. S. M. Scott	Terra Alta

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

R. E. Comp. Andrew R. Dickson, Grand H.....President

BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE

M. E. Comp. Robert Patterson, G.Z. R.E. Comp. W. E. Lord, Supt.
 M.E. Comp. Fred. S. Watson, P.G.Z. R. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey, J.
 M.E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor, R.E. Comp. John E. Johnson, G.S.E.
 P.G.Z. R.E. Comp. George D. Stanley, G.S.N.
 M.E. Comp. James N. Rankin, R.E. Comp. Daniel R. Cameron, Supt.
 P.G.Z.

ELECTED BY GRAND CHAPTER

R.E. Comp. Chas. W. Cook, Supt. R.E. Comp. H. C. Taylor.
 R.E. Comp. J. H. Argue. E. Comp. eGorge Hayward.
 R.E. Comp. S. E. Cornell.

APPOINTED BY GRAND Z.

R.E. Comp. T. F. English. R.E. Comp. H. Darling.
 R.E. Comp. T. C. Bruce. V.E. Comp. Comp. Wm. Thompson.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

GRAND Z's ADDRESS

M.E. Comp. F. S. Watson, Chairman; M.E. Comps. S. Y. Taylor, J. N. Rankin, R.E. Comp. H. C. Taylor.

CREDENTIALS

R.E. Comps. S. E. Cornell, Chairman; D. R. Cameron, G. D. Stanley and W. E. Lord.

WARRANTS

R.E. Comps. J. H. Argue, Chairman; C. W. Cook, H. C. Taylor and W. E. Lord.

AUDIT AND FINANCE

R.E. Comps. T. F. English, Chairman; M. M. Downey, J. H. Argue and V.E. Comp. W. Thompson.

CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

M.E. Comp. J. N. Rankin, Chairman; R.E. Comps. A. W. R. Markley, T. F. English and T. C. Bruce.

JURISPRUDENCE

R.E. Comps. H. Darling, Chairman; D. R. Cameron and E. Comp. G. Hayward.

GRIEANCES AND APPEALS

R.E. Comps. M. M. Downey, Chairman; C. W. Cook, S. E. Cornell and E. Comp. G. Hayward.

BENEVOLENCE

V.E. Comp. Wm. Thompson, Chairman; M.E. Comp. F. S. Watson, R.E. Comps. G. D. Stanley and A. W. R. Markley.

FRATERNAL DEAD

R.E. Comps. T. C. Bruce, Chairman; H. Darling and G. D. Stanley.

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

M.E. Comp. Stephen Y. Taylor, Chairman.

Next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be held in the City of High River, on 2nd Wednesday in March, 1918.

J. E. JOHNSON, *Grand Scribe E.*,

Calgary, Alberta,
 Canada.

633 15th Ave., West,

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To Scribes E.

**Please observe and comply
with the following :**

Acknowledge to the Grand Scribe E. the receipt of the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter.

The financial year of Subordinate Chapters ends on THE 31ST DECEMBER, and Scribes E. are required to forward their returns to the Grand Scribe E. IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER.

All cheques should be made "payable at par" at Calgary.

Write the names of Companions in full, plainly, in the returns, so that there may be no errors in filling out the Grand Chapter Certificate. Also see that the AGE, OCCUPATION, AND PLACE OF RESIDENCE are not omitted. Where deaths are included THE DATE OF DECEASE should accompany the record.

SEND A FULL LIST OF THE OFFICERS OF YOUR CHAPTER IMMEDIATELY AFTER INSTALLATION.
